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This is a tale of the god of light, Amaterasu, and his wife Lachesis, who emerged victorious from an era of wars that raged throughout four solar systems. It will also tell of the many bold and daring headlines who battled courageously during those times, some victorious, some not, but always in the name of chivalry.

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Mortar Headd

Knight of Gold

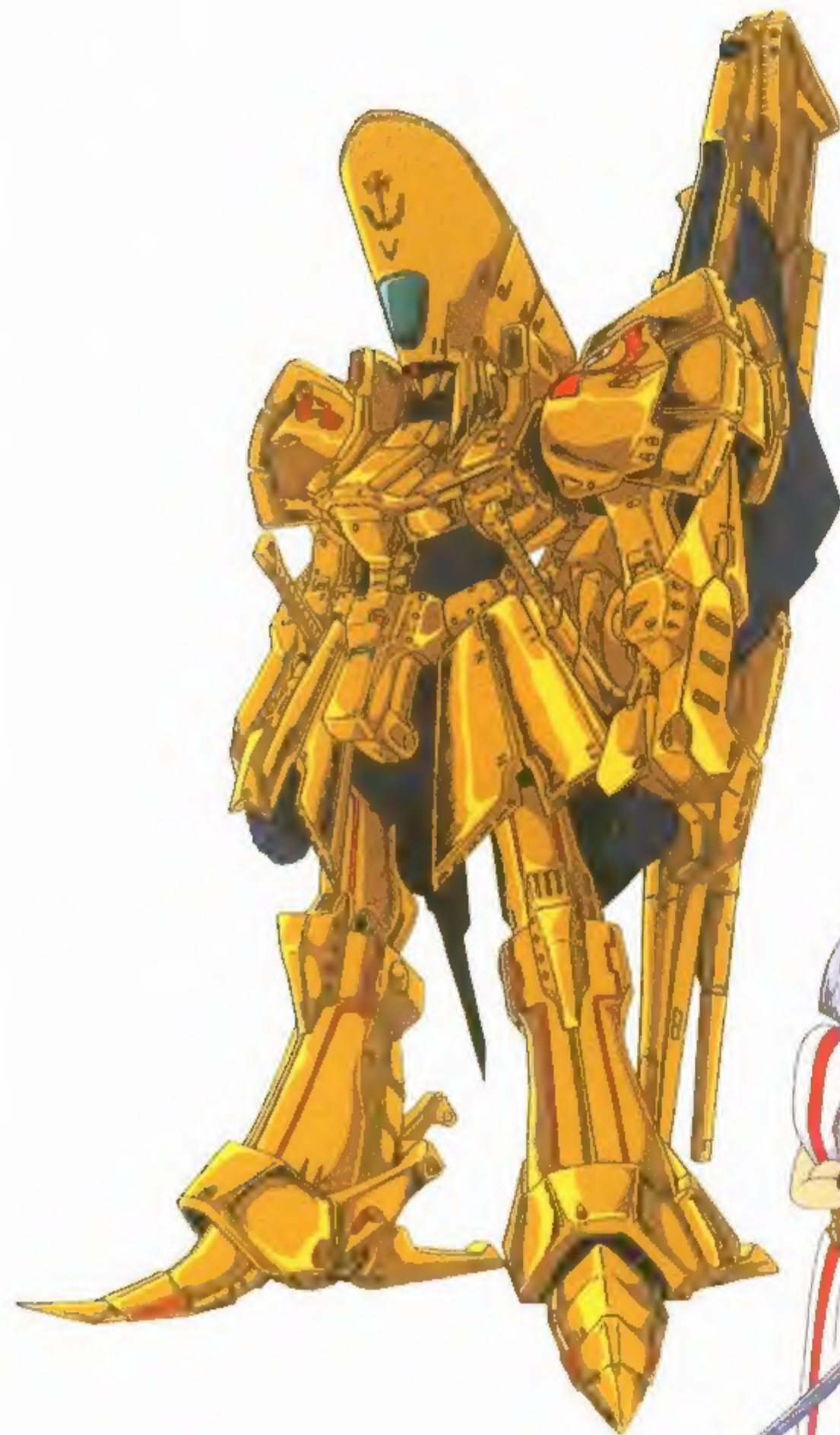
An MI-1 made out of gold by Amaterasu that along with its maker and fatima Lachesis plays a co-starring role in our story. KOG stands 15 meters high at the shoulder and weighs 144 tons. It is powered by what is called an "ezlazer system," an external combustion engine that can use light or any type of radiant energy as fuel thus achieving perpetual movement. However, like its partner, Lachesis, it has stability problems and experiences frequent operational breakdowns. It is the first MI-1 to be equipped with a built-in buster launcher, and having no veil (MI-1 protective shield), it is a completely attack-oriented machine.

Chrome Ballanche

One of the Galaxy's best known scientific geniuses, he is not only a creator of fatimas called a "fatima meight," but also designs spacecraft. Born Duke of Fates, he left his homeland for a laboratory in Bastogne on the planet Addler to produce a total of 45 fatima masterpieces among the more than 400 life forms he would create, in addition to designing over 100 space vessels. We find him in his final years suffering from drug poisoning after attempts to pharmaceutically extend his life.

Amaterasu-no-Mikado

The main character of our story, who is also known as the "god of light." He has achieved eternal youth, in addition to a number of supernatural abilities. In the middle of our story he decides to embark on unifying the various political entities scattered all over the Joker Galaxy. During his efforts his fatima, Lachesis, becomes lost in future time. He commands the Galaxy's most powerful group of temple knights, the Mirages, and pilots MI-1 Knight of Gold. In the end, he entrusts his battle cruiser, The Will, and the Galaxy to a fledgling new political order and departs the entire star cluster. After a journey of 5,670,000,000 years, he is reunited with Lachesis.



Fatima Fates

A computer of the Joker Galaxy that has made possible the design and operation of mammoth space vessels and electronic weapons of mass destruction. Its essential function is performed as an android to control the operation of mortar headdes. These androids are mainly adults of the female gender, but in very rare cases they have been created in adult male and child forms, in addition to being left in their featureless original form. Since they are raised from artificial DNA material into their teens, they can be called a new humanoid life form.

Excepting their super-human reaction speeds and absence of menstruation, they are identical to human females. They enter battle along with the knights, or headdliners, they call their masters. Their magnificent beauty has resulted in such an uproar among Joker Galaxy women that they have been forced to wear dark lenses in public to cover their eyes and create expressionless facial features. Needless to say, among the male population, there are many people other than their headdliner masters who desire them as playmates and sex partners.

They have been subjected to a number of psychological restrictions and controls, like unconditional obeisance to human commands. The fatimas created by scientific genius Chrome Ballanche of Bastogne are of particular excellence and have become the most sought after fatimas in the Galaxy. For example, his 44th masterpiece, Lachesis, known also as "Fatima Fortune," has been imbued with a very important secret, which is a major theme that will occupy much of our time throughout the Five Star Stories.

Fatima Fortune
Lachesis3238-7777

Fatima Fates
Clotho

The youngest of the Three Fates and Dr. Ballanche's final fatima masterpiece. She is the symbol underlying our story. After being adopted into the Colus royal family, she contributes to the liberation of the Galaxy, but has a terrible distaste for war. At the same time, she is the most powerful fatima to appear here, possessing the strength to defeat the likes of Amaterasu and Lachesis.



Fatima Fates
Atropos

Dr. Ballanche's 43rd masterpiece fatima and older sister of Lachesis. Not having been submitted to the usual emotional controls, she becomes distressed about being able to experience human emotions, blames Dr. Ballanche for her troubles and runs away. Later, she teams up with Amaterasu for a time, a decision that seals her fate. She will also befriend one of the non-human forces in the Galaxy, the LED Dragons of Kastenpo, to bring our story to an end. She along with Clotho watches over the Joker Galaxy after Lachesis is gone.



Fatima Fates
Lachesis 2989

The heroine of our story and the 44th fatima masterpiece created by Dr. Chrome Ballanche. However, her true character is a goddess of destiny born in the form of an artificial life bio-computer. As Amaterasu's fatima, she has full control over Mortar I lead Knight of Gold. In mid-story she takes to roaming into the future along with KOC.

Mortar Headds and Headdliners

The mortar headd invented in the Joker Galaxy, sometimes called its "electric knights," are huge human-shaped war machines standing somewhere around 15 meters in height, which is always measured from the ground to the top of the shoulders. The MH's generator converts solar light to electrical energy for the ezlazer external combustion system producing the astronomical amounts of power required for its operation. With the invention of the fatima bio-computer androids and their installation into MH cockpits, mobility and maneuvering were improved by leaps and bounds into the leading edge weaponry appearing in our story.

Ownership of mortar headd is reserved exclusively for members of the Joker Galaxy knighthood, known as "headdliners," and heads of state — kings, feudal lords, republican presidents, etc. — who are permitted to hire them. This is only fitting, since the MH, which can move at the speed of light, cannot be operated by just anyone. Without the exceptional natural abilities of these knights and the strict training acquired from childhood, it would be impossible to move even one mortar headd finger. For example, control of an MH is impossible without first mastering the techniques for fencing with laser beam-bladed swords called spaddx. Moreover, it is estimated that in the span of 100 years time, no more than 100 individuals are born possessing all of the necessary abilities to become headdliners, making these knights, along with their fatima's, unquestionably the most valuable military human resource in the Galaxy.

Mortar Headd Specifications:

Nicknames: Electric Knight, "God of Fury," MH, etc.

Uses: War, War and War. The ultimate and decisive force in any battle fought in the Galaxy.

Height: 15-18 meters.

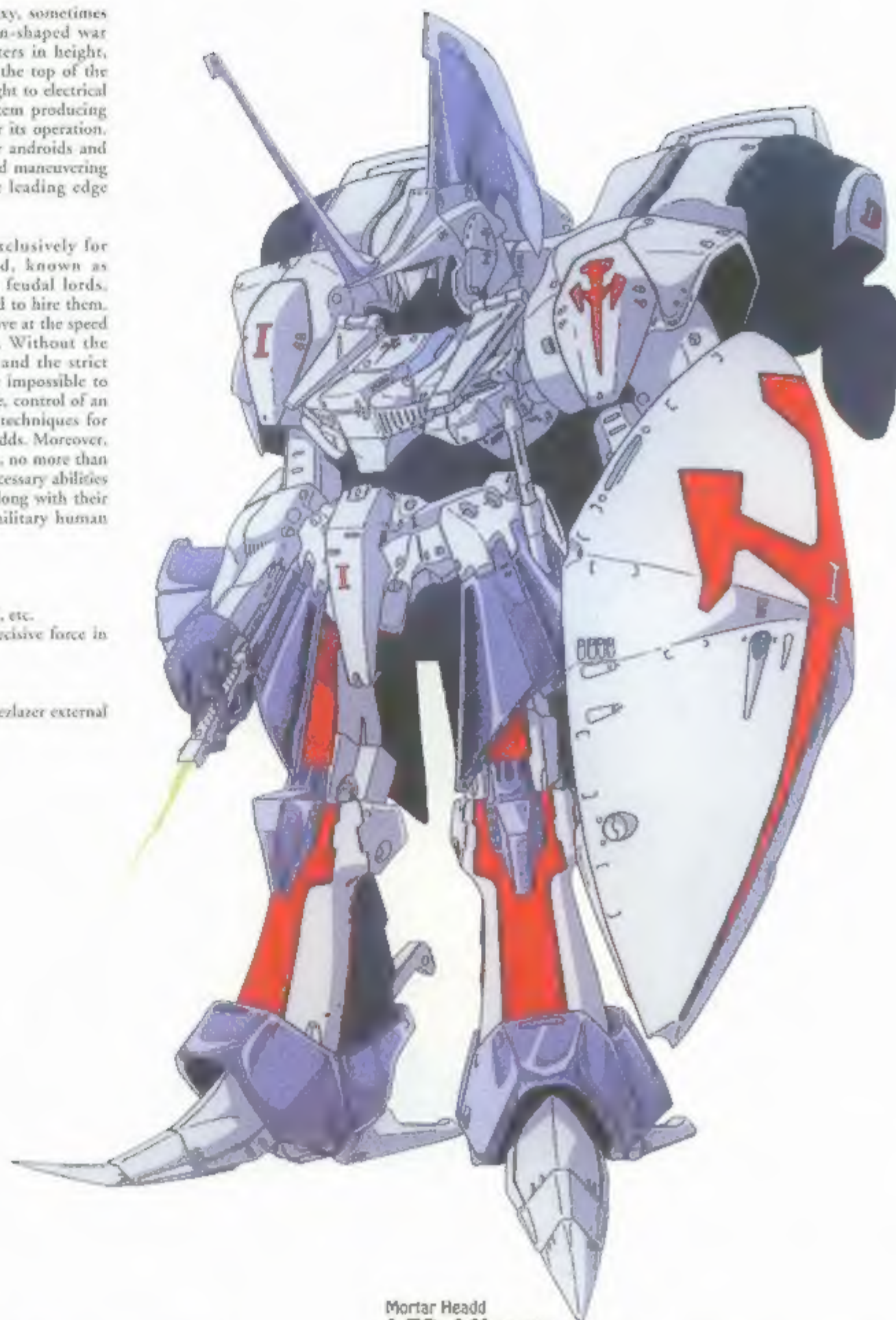
Weight: 110-250 tons

Power and Drive Sources: Solar light fusion and ezlazer external combustion engine system



Fatima Fates Teata

Dr. Ballanche's 31st fatima masterpiece serving the Crytharis family of Mirage Knights for three generations from Partok to his great grandson Karrer. According to Dr. Morard, she was created as a rival to his Est of the MH Vatshu the Black Knight, but proves superior in the younger, less experienced Karrer's victory over Grand Sydmian, portrayed in the Prologue. Her "kappa" style straight bobbed jet black hair and bangs are classic Japanese, and her shiny blue costume resembles the features of her younger sisters, Dr. Ballanche's Three Fates. Being forced to do battle with Est, with whom she became close friends at King Colus' palace, is only one aspect of the tragic fate awaiting young women like her.



Mortar Headd LED Mirage

The flag MH of the Mirage Knights. A total of 41 models have been manufactured over the past 3000 years. The blinding light of their semi-transparent armor conjures up an incomparable image of beauty and terror. The crimson crucifixes on their light-emitting enhanced white background strike fear wherever they are seen throughout the Galaxy. The incredible destructive force of just 15 of these MHs was able to bring the whole Galaxy to its knees. With a total output of over 3 trillion horsepower, the LED (pronounced either "led" or "el-ee-dee") Mirage stands 15.2 meters at the shoulders, weighs 175 tons, and is without a doubt the most powerful mortar headd in the Galaxy.

Mortar Headd

Vatshu the Black Knight

A coal black MHI designed and built by Rowmiran Xbin of Kallamity. Complemented by Fatima Est, the headliner who becomes her partner is automatically promoted to the status of Black Knight and owner of this MHI, a custom unique throughout the Galaxy. The presence of Est in such a specialized support role adds greatly to the military might of Vatshu and of course makes it all that more effective and fearsome in battle. In 3960, after a long and illustrious career as one of the Galaxy's premier MHs, Vatshu, under the command of the fifth generation Black Knight, Grard Sydman, is laid to rest along with his owner and fatima on the planet of Jūno.



The fifth Black Knight

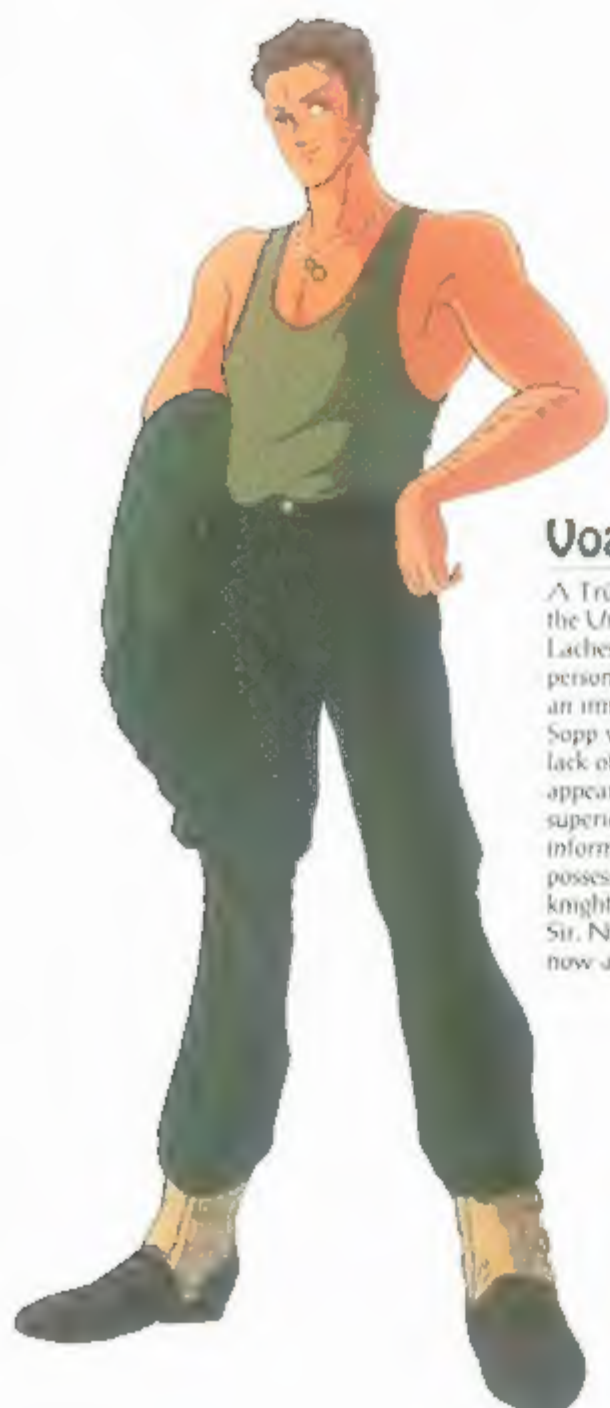
Grard Sydman

The fifth Black Knight, who in our prologue fights a duel to the death with Mirage Knight Karrer Crytharis. In the war for Jūno, Amaterasu's last invasion, Grard sides with Colus as the commander of his forces. We find that he has hidden the Colus family MHI, Junchoon, with its fatima Clotho scaled inside, deep in some forest.

Fatima Fates

Est

Exclusively employed on MHI Vatshu the Black Knight. The knight who displays the tri-comma insignia of the color of Est's skirt is her master. A masterpiece created by Dr. Morard Carbyte, she is known as one of the Galaxy's three great fatimas. She served a total of five Black Knights during her career. Unlike other fatimas, who choose the knight they feel most suited for, she is programmed to search for the knight who is best capable of piloting Vatshu.



Voards Viewlard

A Trün Union knight dispatched by the Union to supervise the debut of Lachesis and Clotho. His easy going personality enables him to strike up an immediate friendship with Ladius Sopp while at the debut. A noticeable lack of chivalry and slovenly appearance are far outweighed by the superior knowledge and complex information network he has come to possess. He was born from a line of knights that includes the legendary Sir. Nukndolah Subus. He appears now and again throughout our story.



Ladius Sopp

A young engineer aiming to become the Galaxy's most accomplished meister (mortar head mechanic). His feminine-like beauty rivals his superior technical skills. A close friend of Dr. Ballanche, he has known Lachesis and her sisters since they were children, and at that time promised Lachesis, half in jest, that he would build her an MHI of gold. On his mission to rescue Lachesis from the clutches of Iuba Bardaim in 2988, he makes the acquaintance of many interesting and influential people throughout the Galaxy.

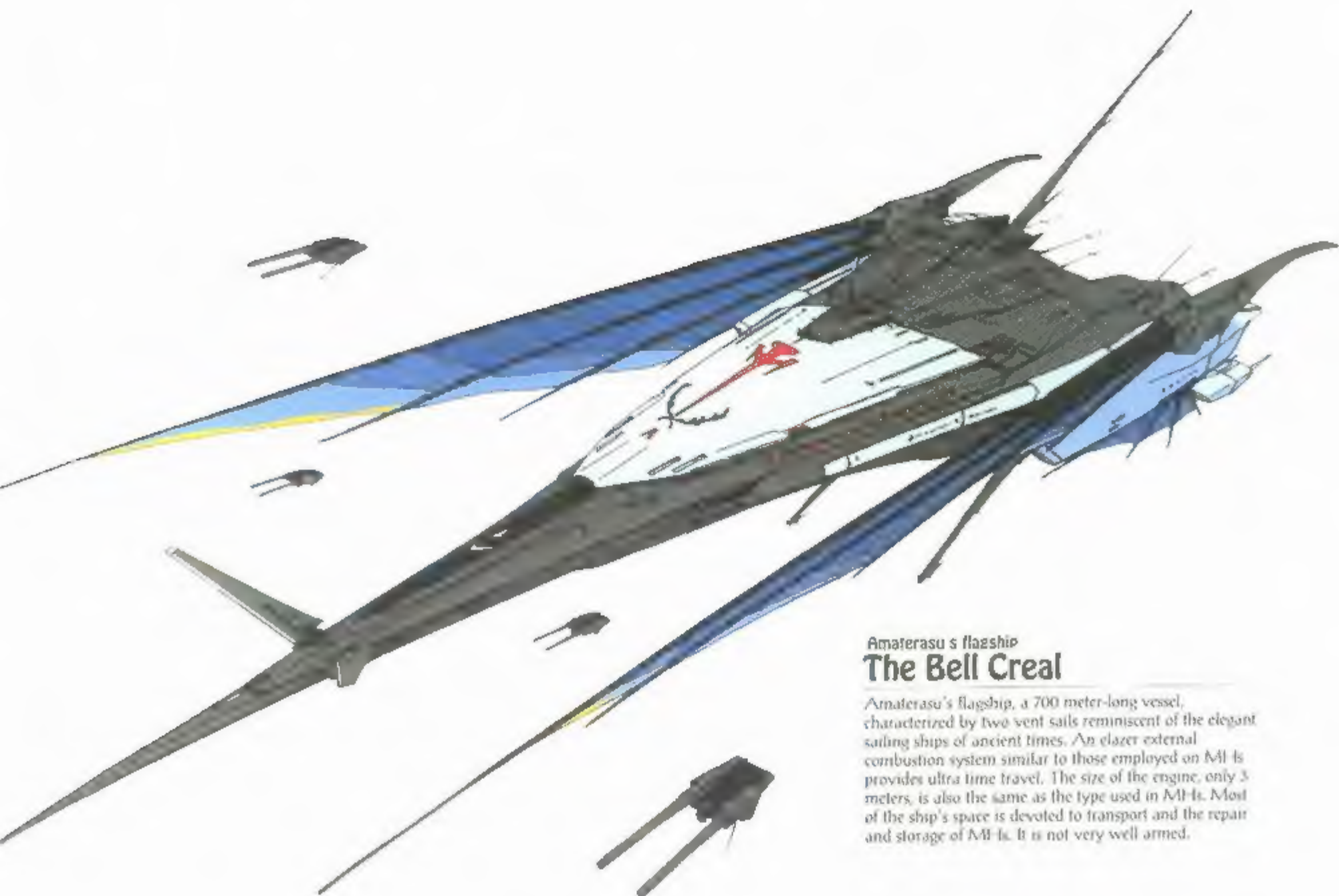
King of Kallamity Lader VIII

Emperor of Fillmore on the planet Kallamity in the Ioker Northern Solar System. This imperial line has survived for over 10,000 years, and its subjects exhibit both deep pride and loyalty to this, the Galaxy's largest military state. The emperor himself is a knight of the status of I-highlander. On the occasion of the J.C. 2988 debut in Bastogne, he is accompanied by his palace guards, known as the Kneue Syltiss. Normally the Crestguard, the imperial body guards, would accompany him, however, Lader uses his better judgment to avoid any trace of pretension at such a gala event.



Mirage Knight No. 2 Aisha Condante

Mirage Knight No. 2, former princess of the Condante family, and present member of Amaterasu's imperial family. She is Amaterasu's right hand in all matters, administrative head of the Amaterasu Kingdom Demenses, and chancellor of the kingdom of Grees. She is also a fearsome warrior, and there are very few knights who would dare test her skills with the sword. She stands 180cm tall and weighs 67kg. Most Ioker Galaxy knights are largely built, with females often surpassing 190cm in height. Aisha is mild mannered and has a very close relationship with her fatima Alecto.



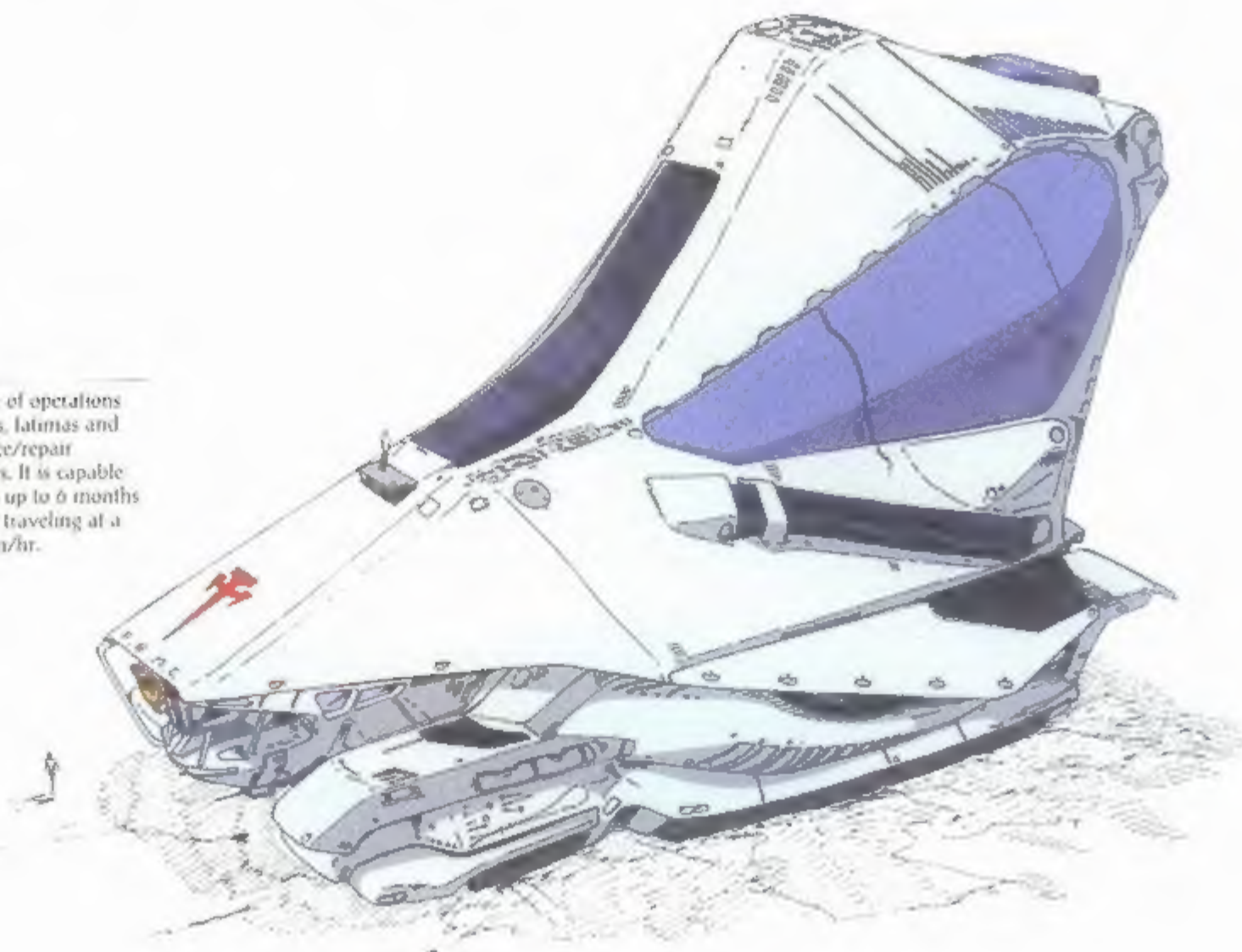
Amaterasu's flagship **The Bell Creal**

Amaterasu's flagship, a 700 meter-long vessel, characterized by two vent sails reminiscent of the elegant sailing ships of ancient times. An elazer external combustion system similar to those employed on MI-Is provides ultra time travel. The size of the engine, only 3 meters, is also the same as the type used in MI-Is. Most of the ship's space is devoted to transport and the repair and storage of MI-Is. It is not very well armed.

Mortar Headd Carrier

Doorey

A mobile hanger and base of operations for MI-Is, their headliners, latinas and crews equipped with service/repair facilities and living quarters. It is capable of supporting this team for up to 6 months at a time. It is a hovercraft traveling at a maximum speed of 200 km/hr.





天照大神

永竹庵

一九二九年八月

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Jüno 3960 Prologue

It is the end of January, J.C. (Joker Calendar) 3960 in Alma, a southern region of small principalities on Jüno, the second planet in the Joker Galaxy's Southern Solar System. It has been a week since the Colus Dynasty fell to the forces of Amaterasu after managing to control two-thirds of the planet, including Alma . . .





But the war ended over a week ago, right?



Wow!!

Mortar headds! Really!?



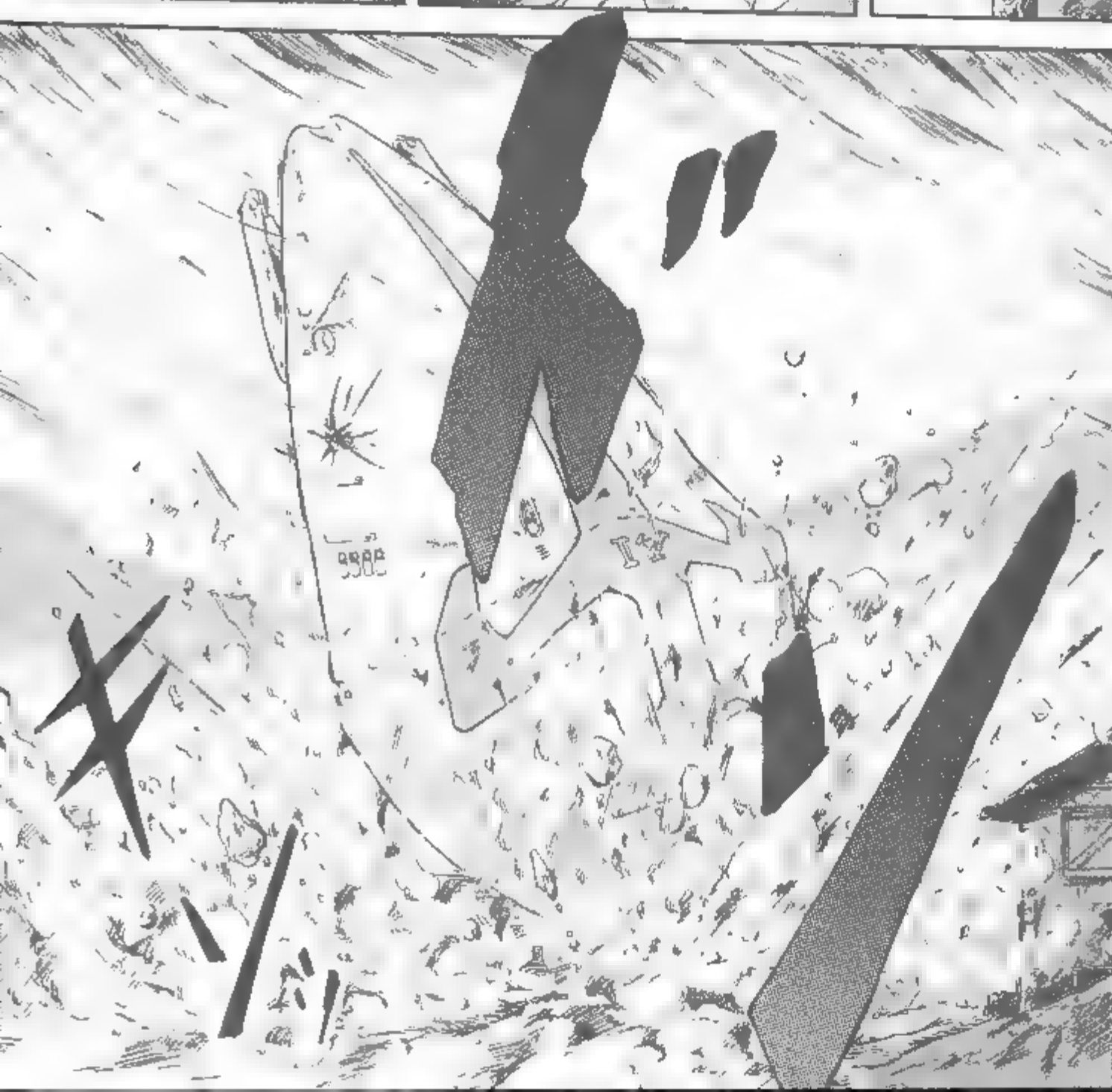
Just to see them go at each other like that

It's none of our business.

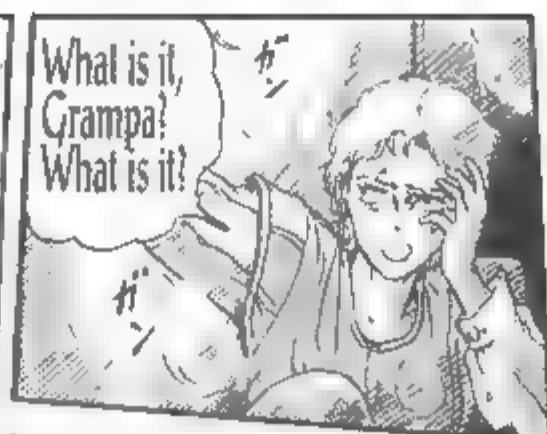


Those still out there are probably upstarts mopping up stragglers, trying to win promotion points.

Wrong ... For the headliners, no war is ever over until the last of the enemy is destroyed.



Something's flashing ... up in the sky





ギン ギン ギン

ギッ ギッ

ブー
ブーッ

バン
バン
バン



Shifting
into
reverse,
sire.

We're in
too close.
Back off!



Give me the
data on the
last attack.
We've been
hit pretty
hard.

Damn!
We've lost
the veil!*

*Metor head's protective shield containing a generator and various kinds of weaponry.



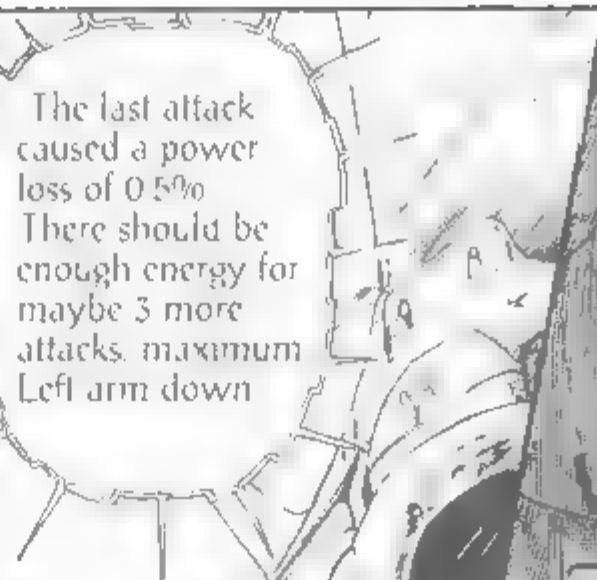
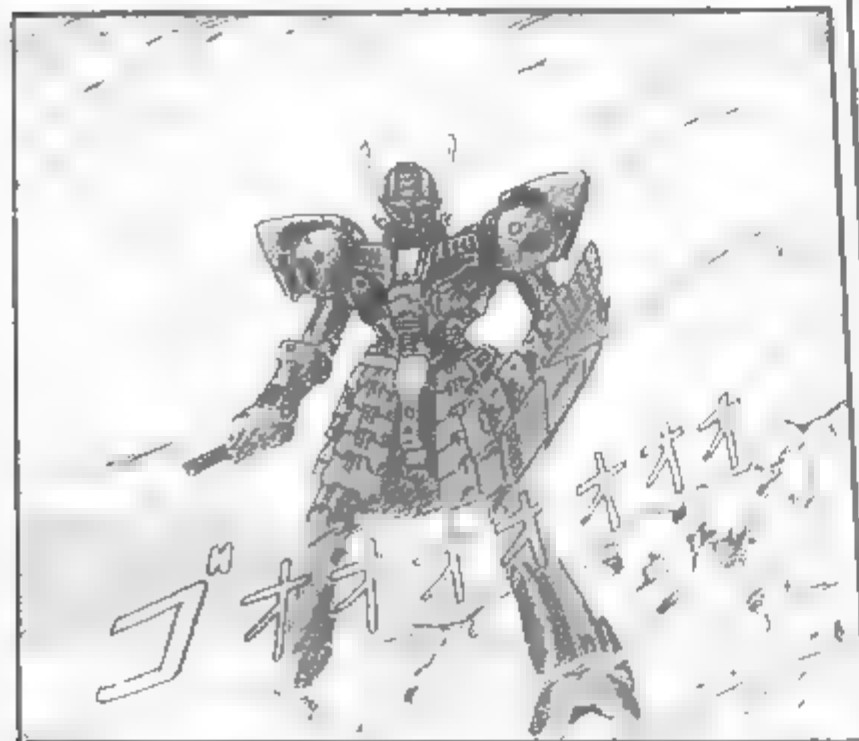
The generators can't keep up with the power we're consuming sir

Three more tries...



Hmm

We've used all our generator backup. Remaining power 2. trillion calories



The last attack caused a power loss of 0.5%. There should be enough energy for maybe 3 more attacks. maximum. Left arm down



No. 4 roller gear on second starboard main shaft 2 out of order. Main gear spinning free. Using auxiliary cable to disengage dysfunctional gears



Checking status

Est? How are we doing?



Who saved it? The HL or his fatima?

That last barrage should've finished him.

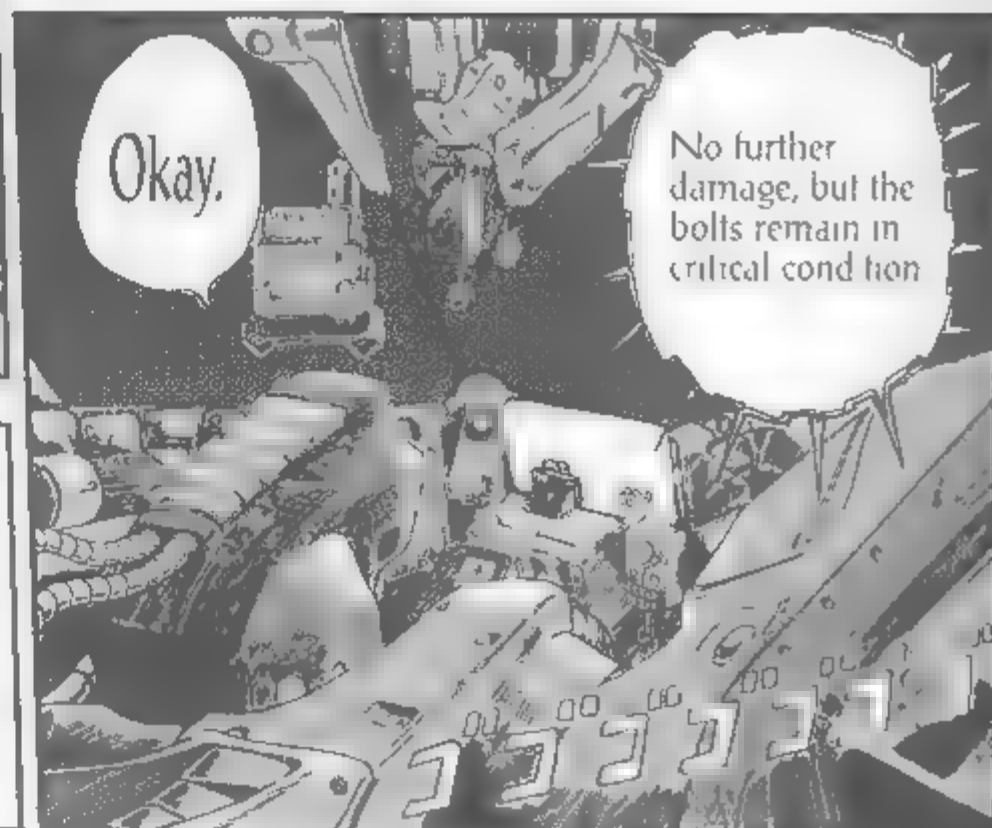


Amaterasu's Led Mirage. Tough, powerful, and young to boot. So all the rumors are true after all.



We've got bad weather and no more ammo, but they must be in worse shape.

But we have almost no energy conversion. We'll be down in about 12 hours.



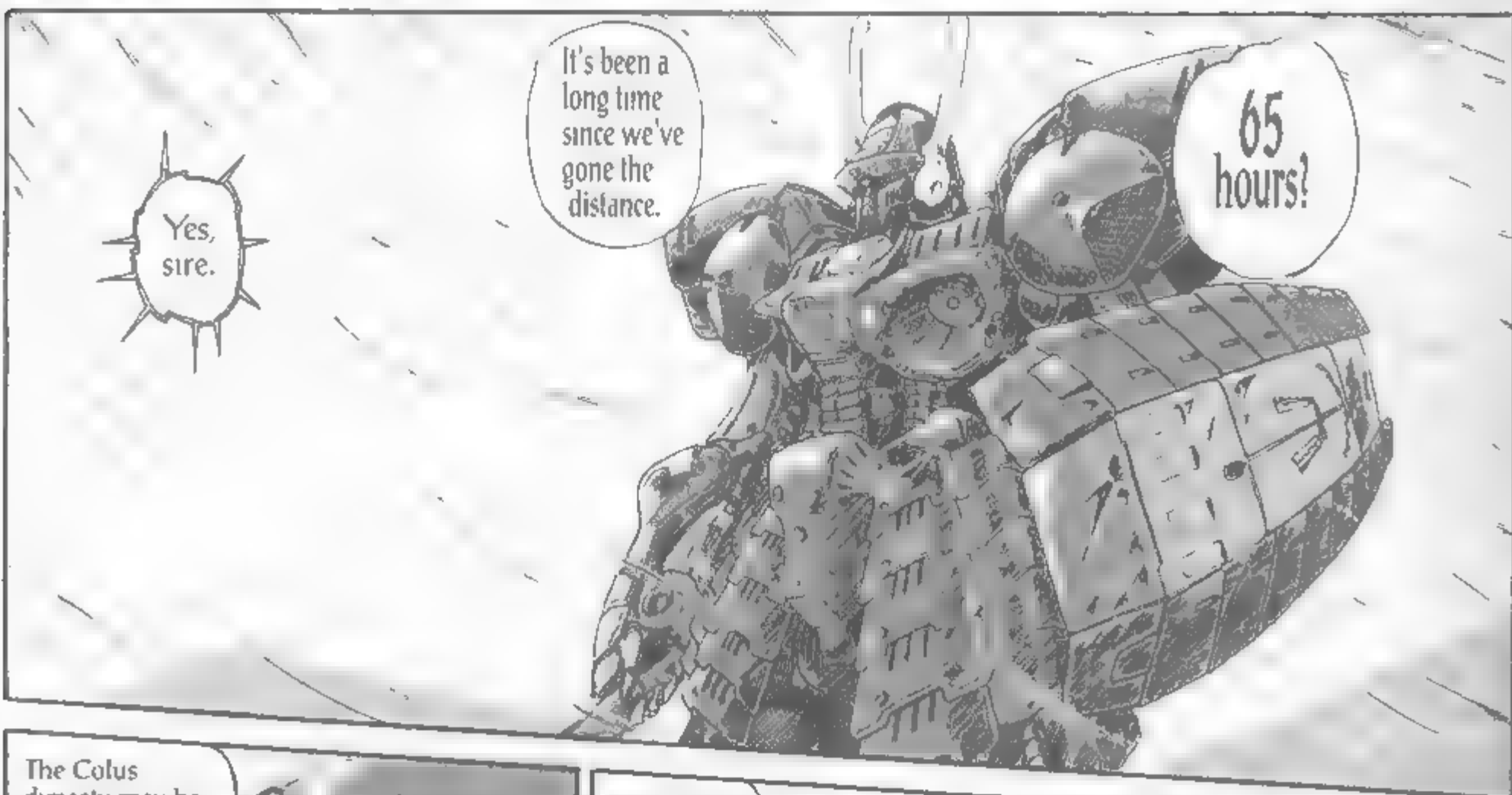
Okay.

No further damage, but the bolts remain in critical condition.



65 hours, 38 minutes.

How long have we been engaged with this youngster?



Yes, sire.

It's been a long time since we've gone the distance.

65 hours?



The Colus dynasty may be in the hands of Amaterasu, but not this renegade... And I don't intend to go peacefully.

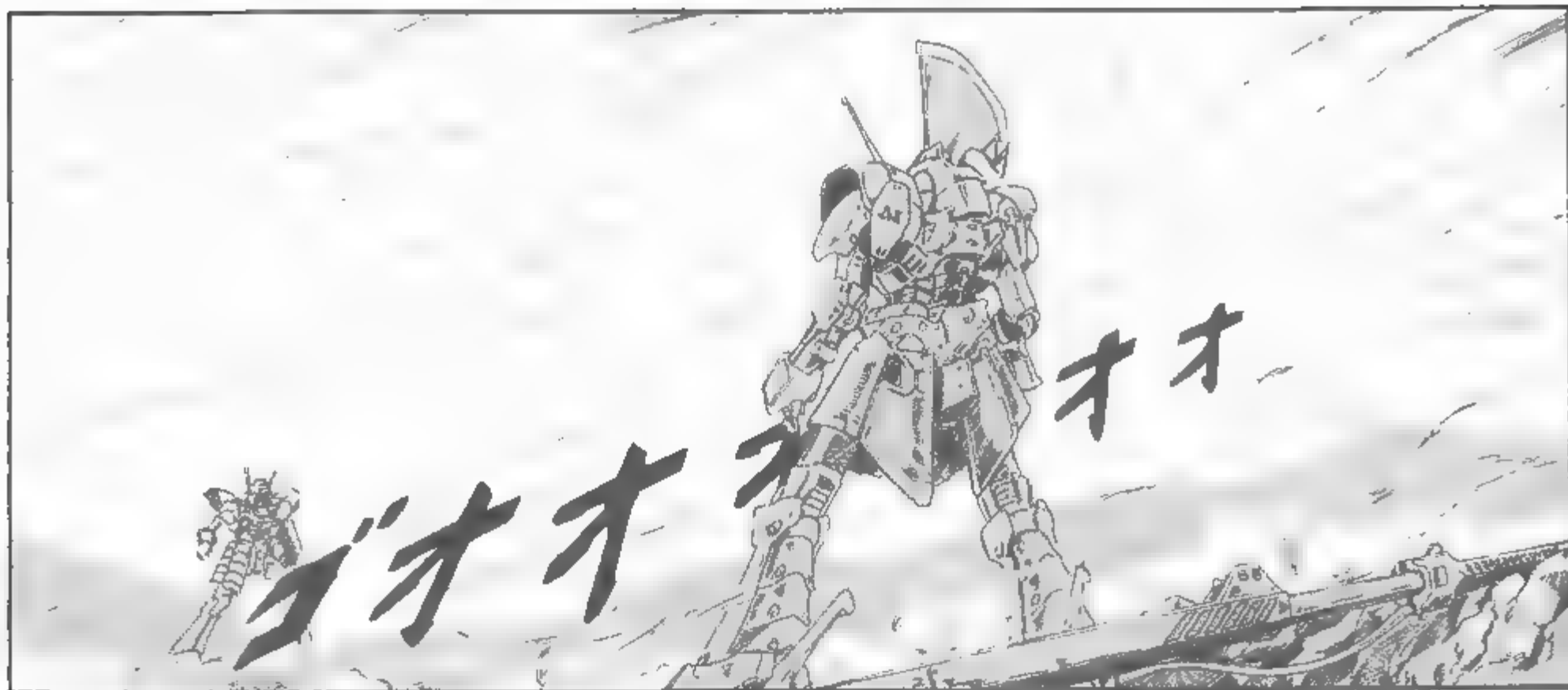


But know this my young adversary, you're dealing with Grand Sydman, the Black Knight.

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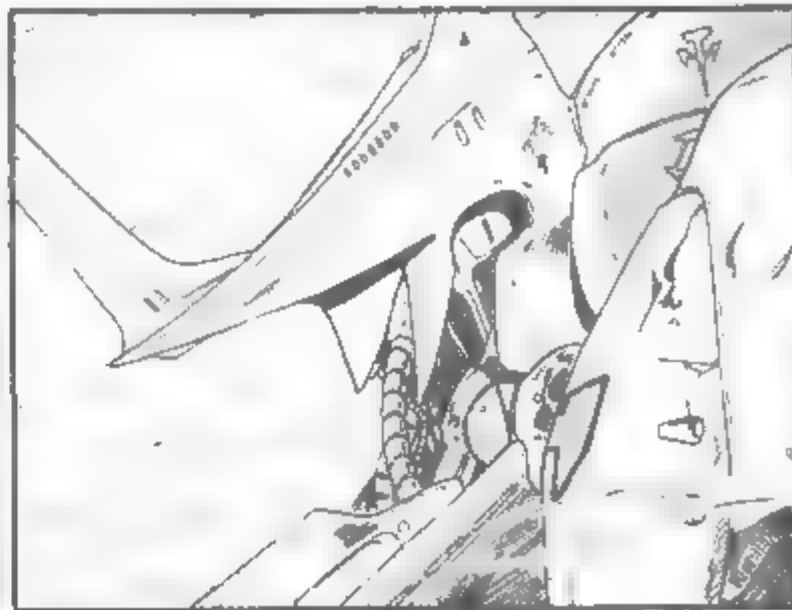
And every bone in this old body aches as a result.



Come on baby, give us just a little bit more, and the Emperor'll make you all shiny and new again.



I can't wait until this is over to wash all the sweat and urine out of this smelly cockpit..



Dump that depleted damper oil, the skirt** and anything else we don't need



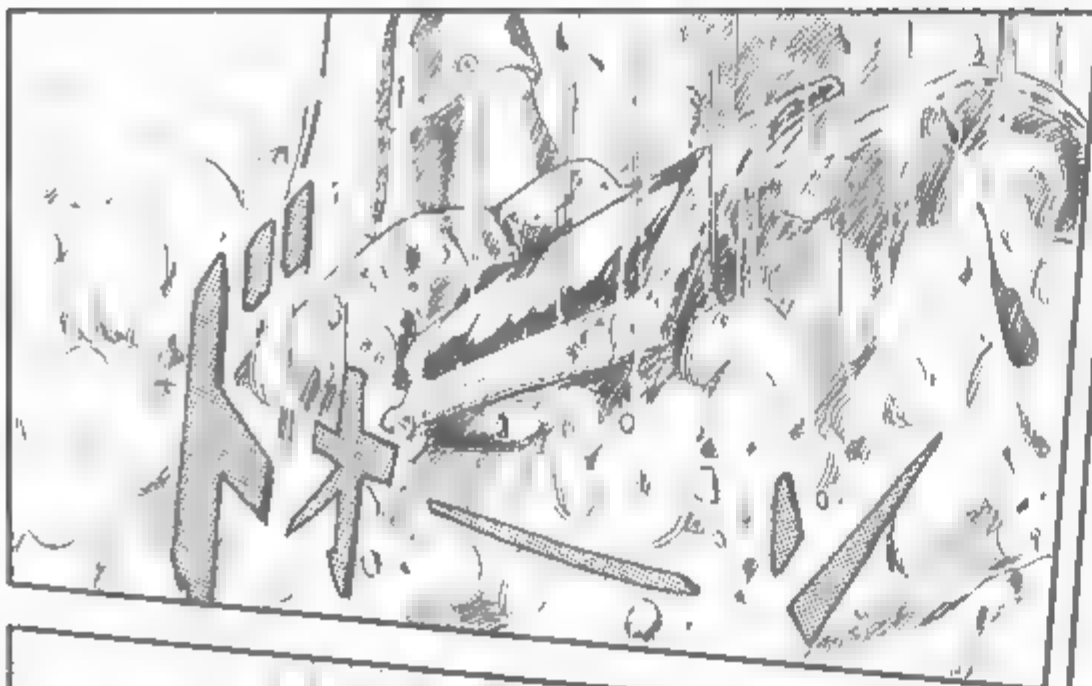
Aye, sire.



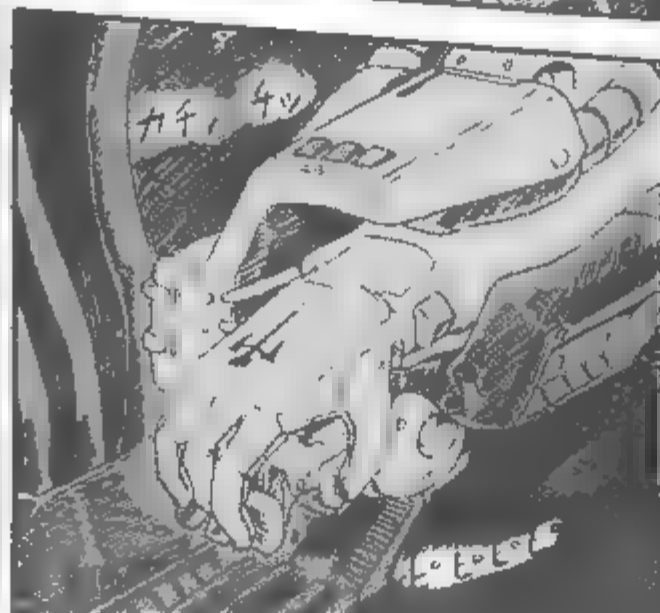
Teata! Release all generator liquids*. Now!

*All cooling oil and lubricants in the engines and other moving parts

** Protective armor around the MH's haunches, also providing overall balance and reducing shock from the legs and feet

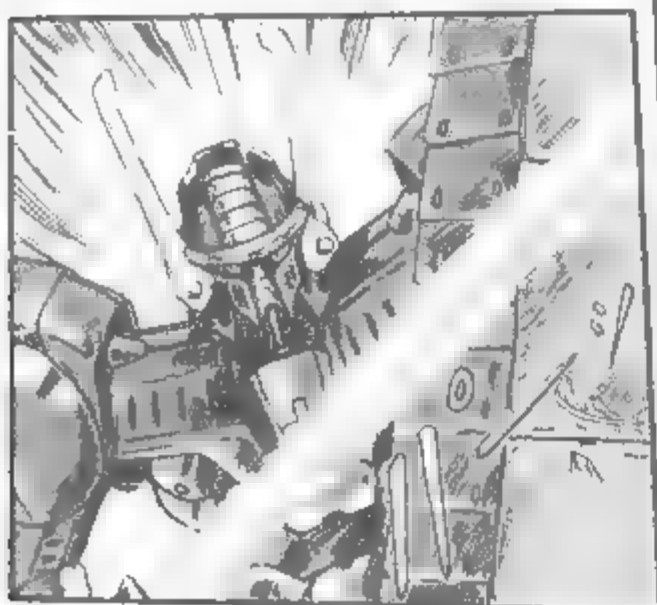
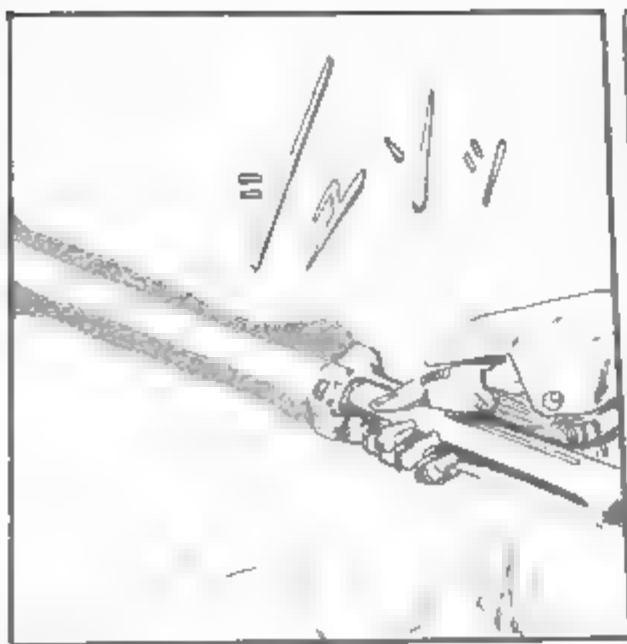


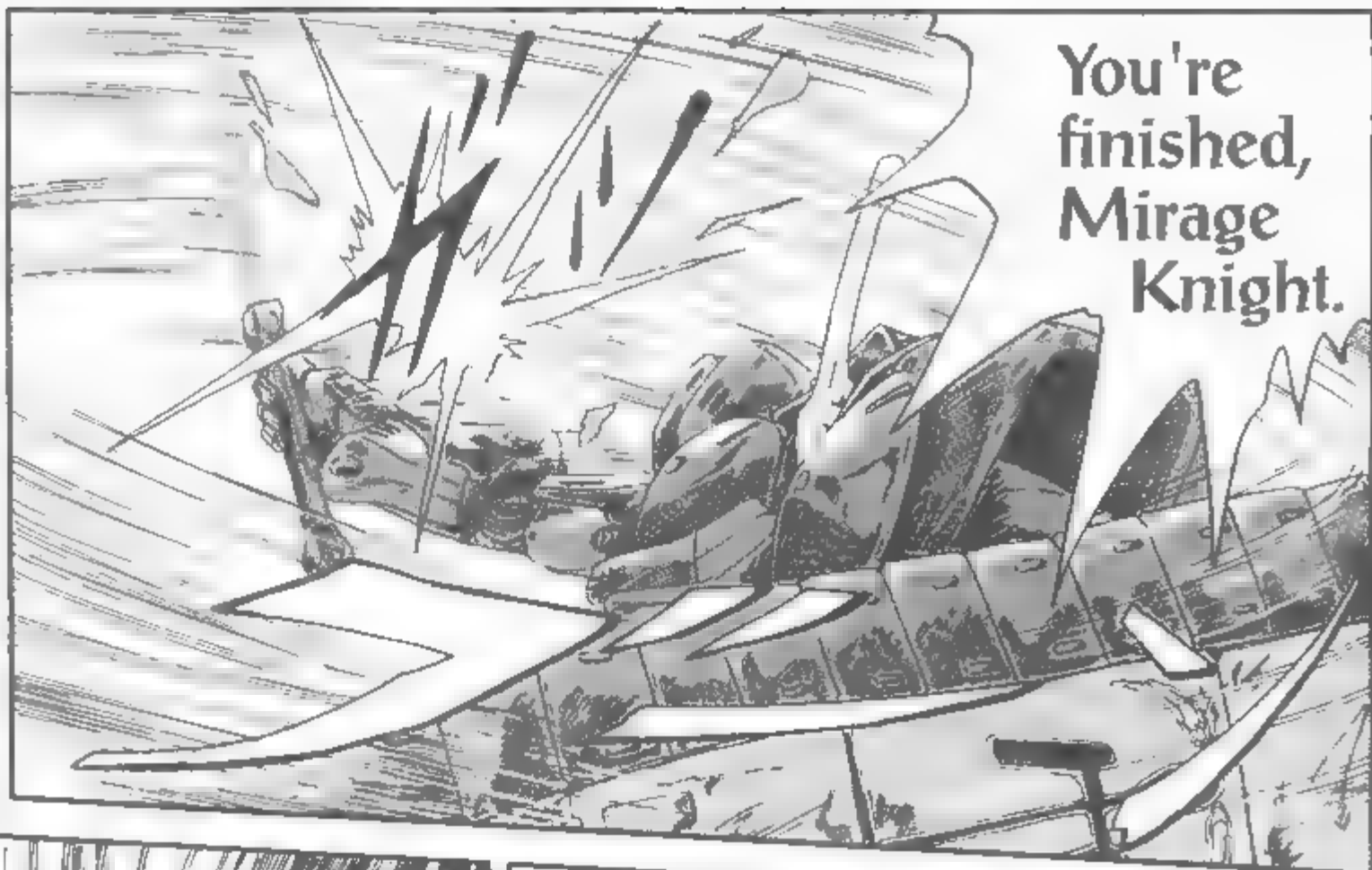
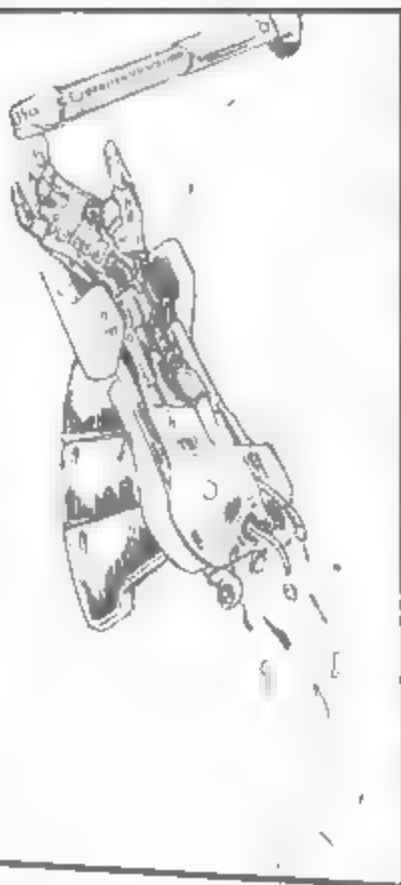
Time for the finale,
Black Knight I've
kept the Emperor
waiting four days
now



To be young
again and
as good a
headliner

This guy's
gonna give
us a fight,
Est.



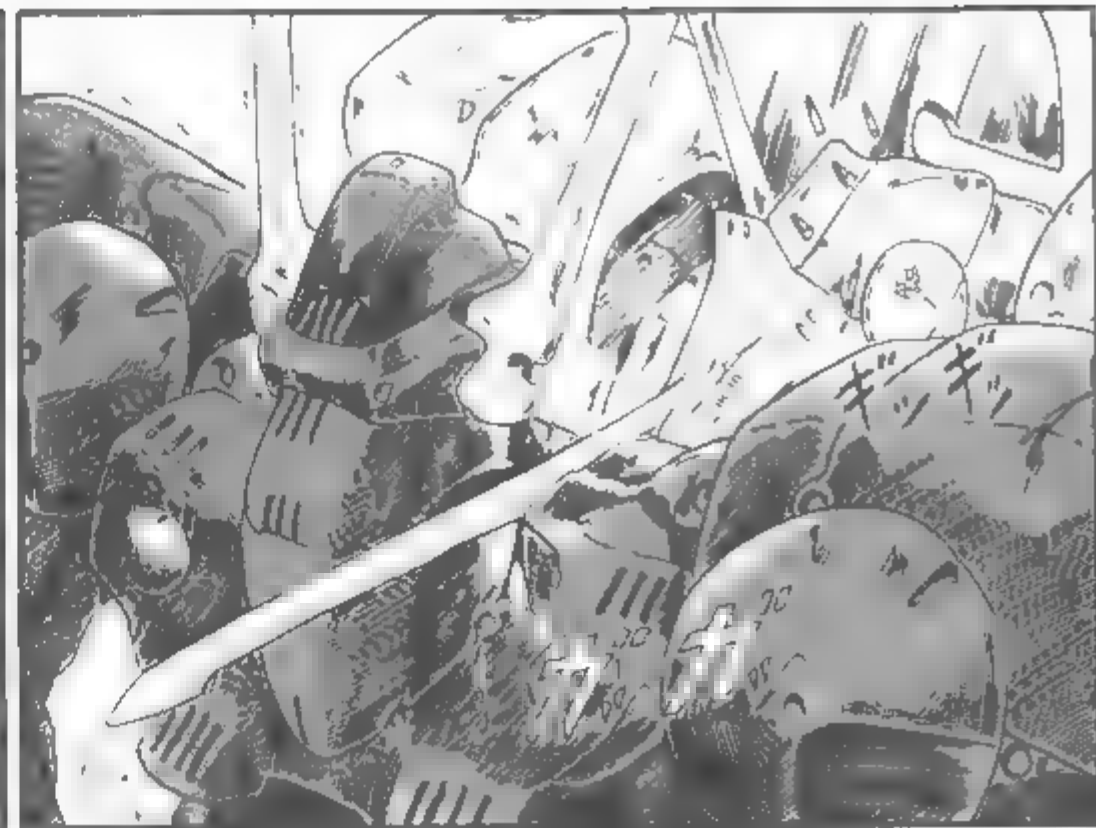
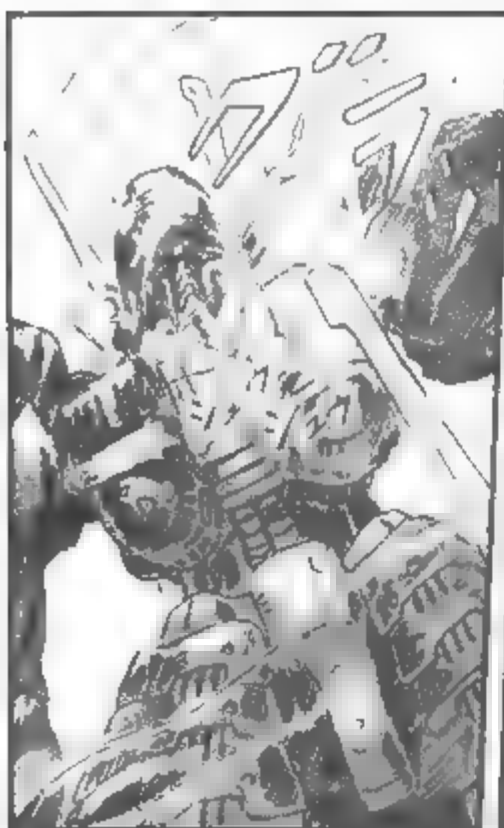


You're
finished,
Mirage
Knight.

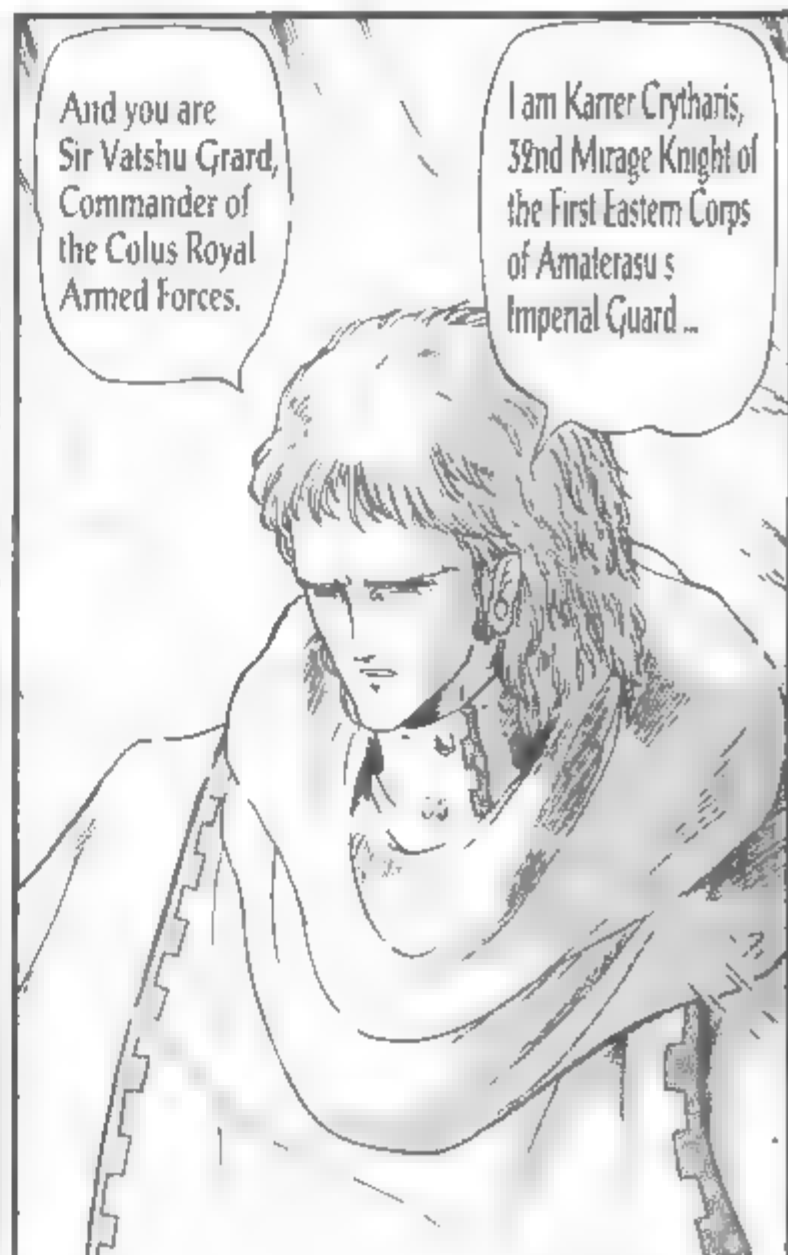
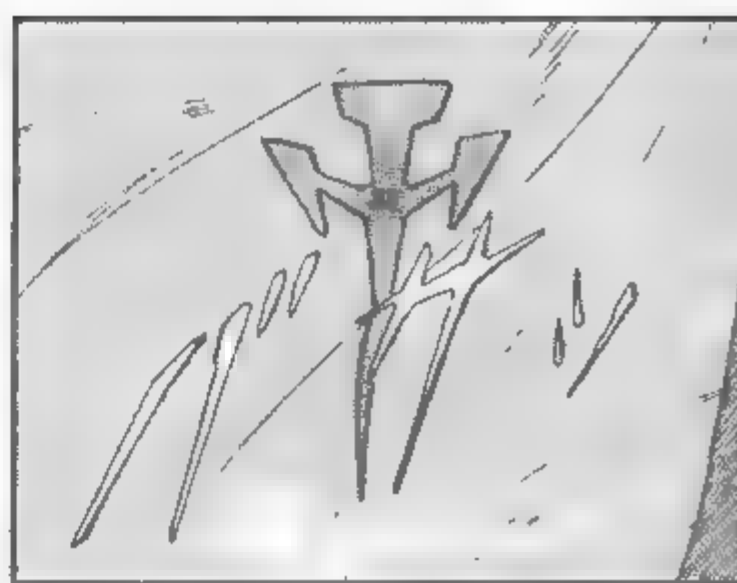


Not
quite.

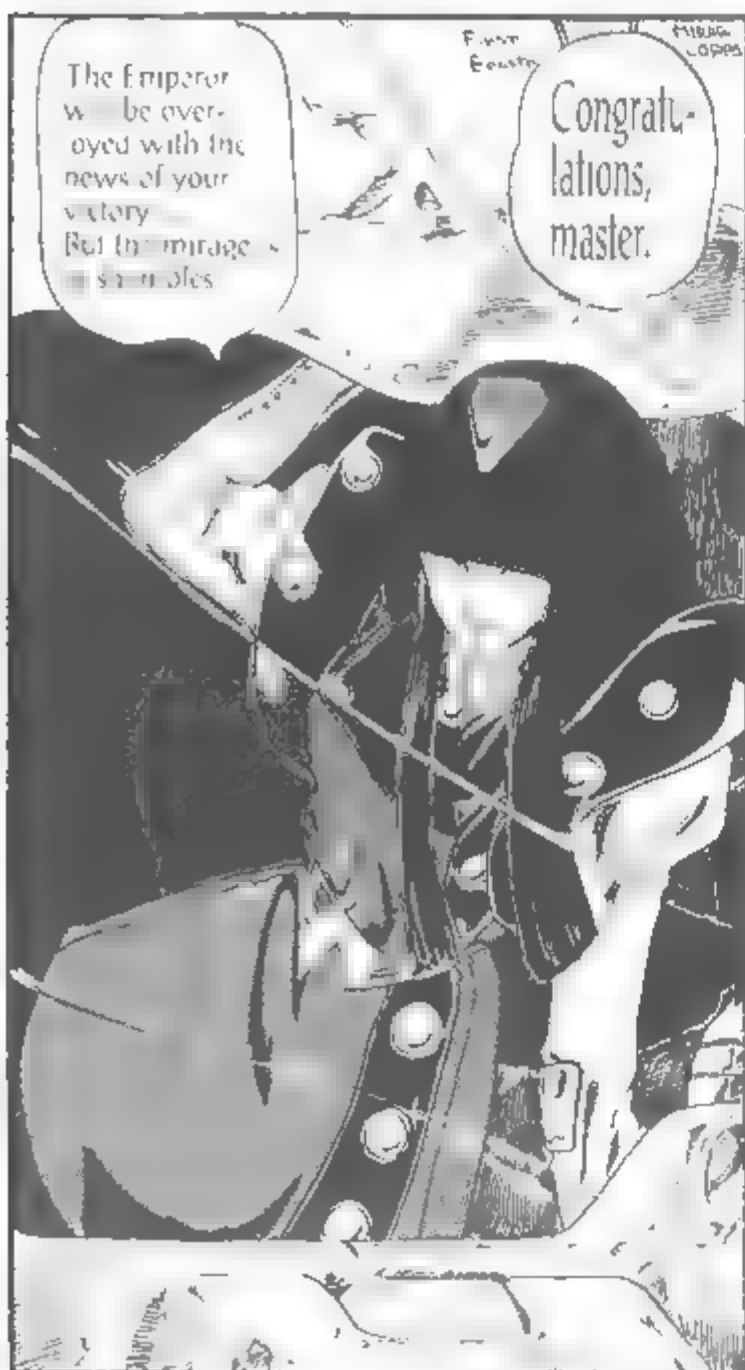
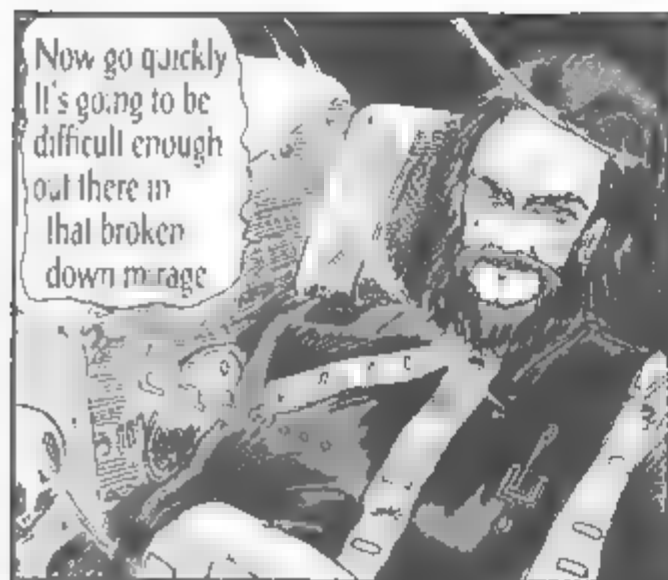


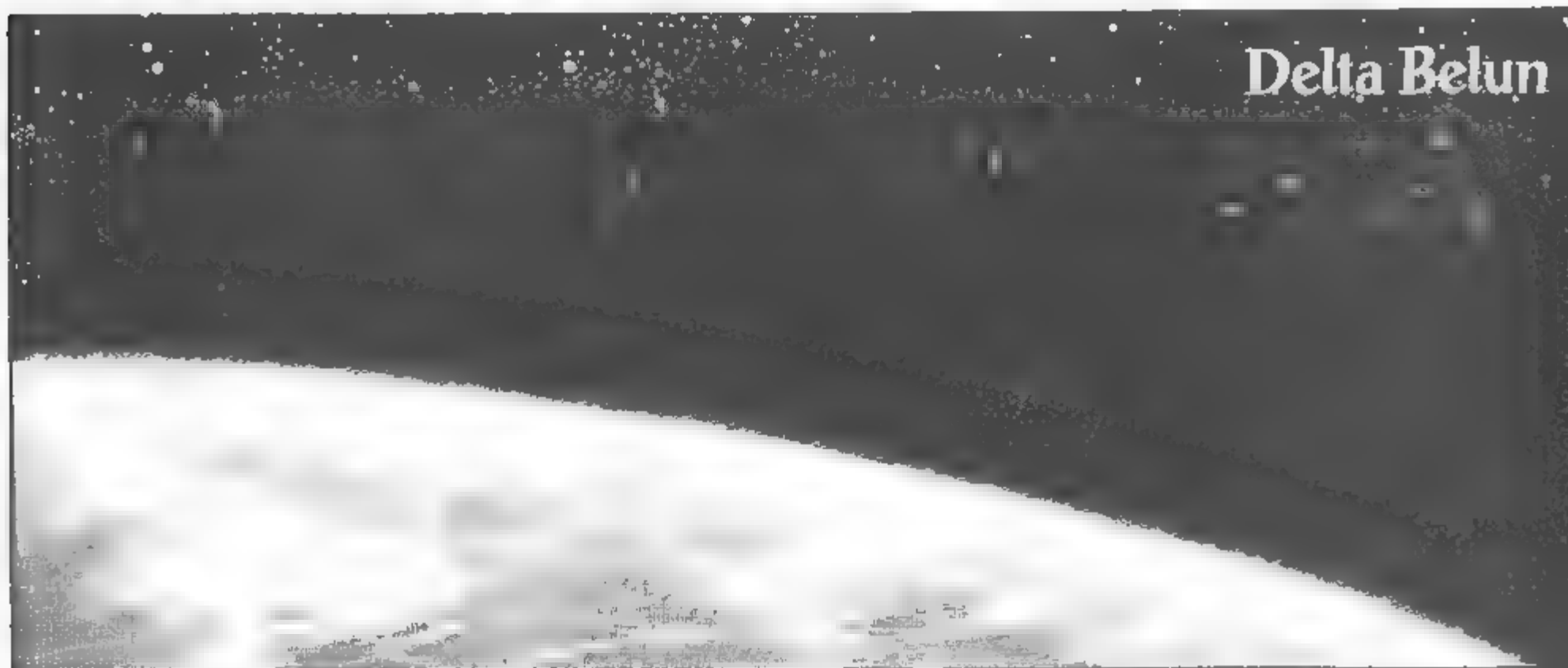


*A state of the art laser cutter





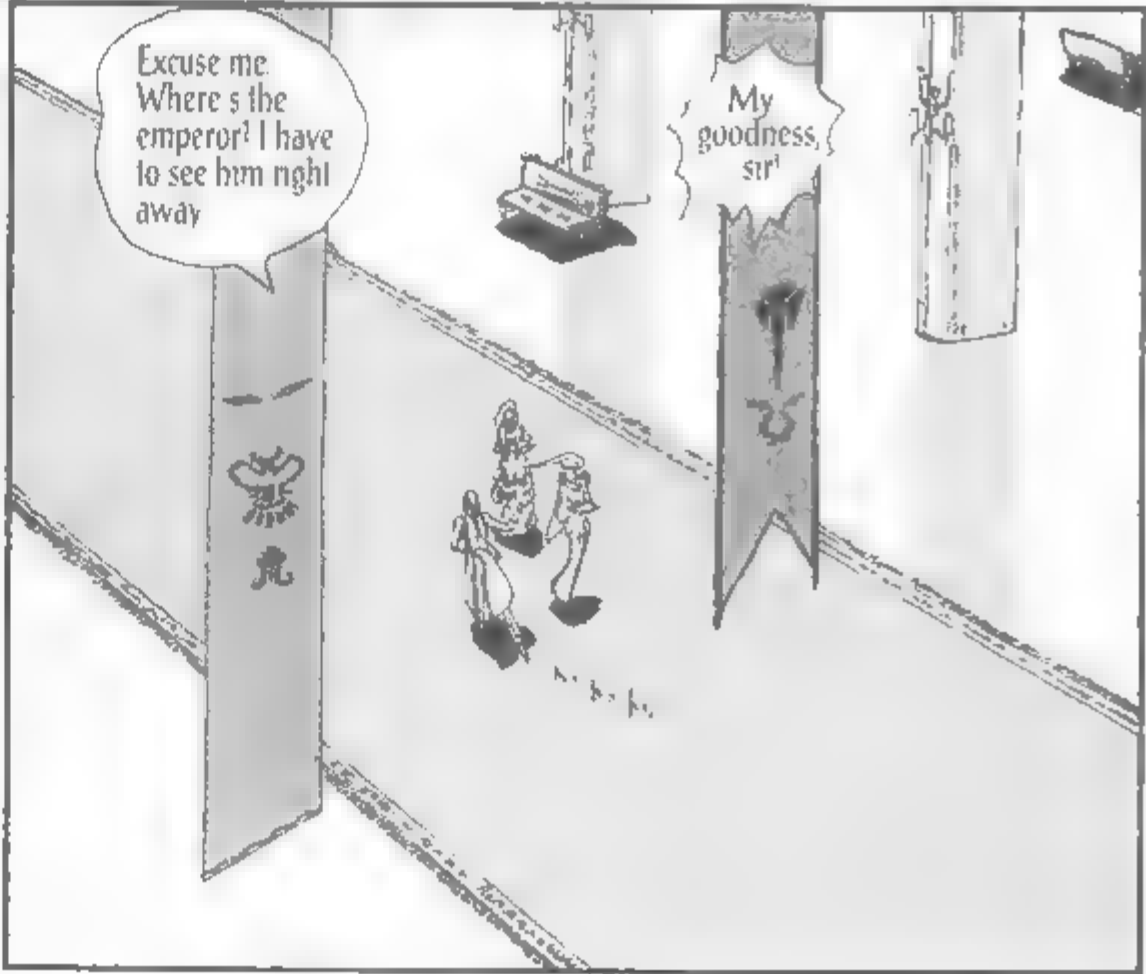
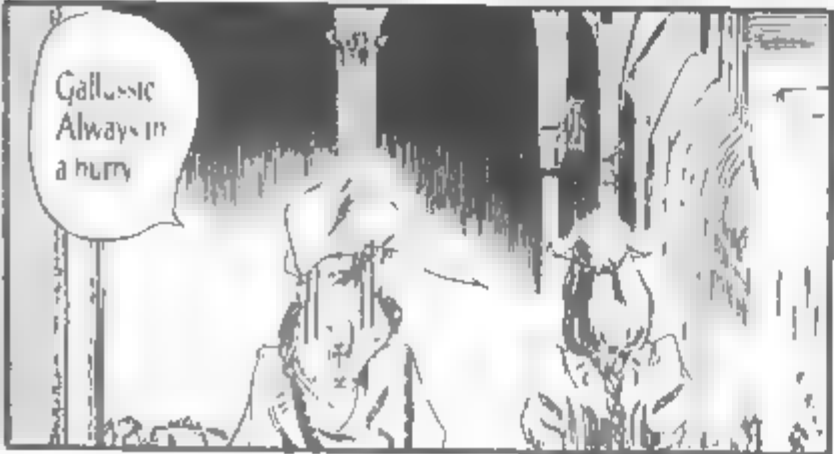
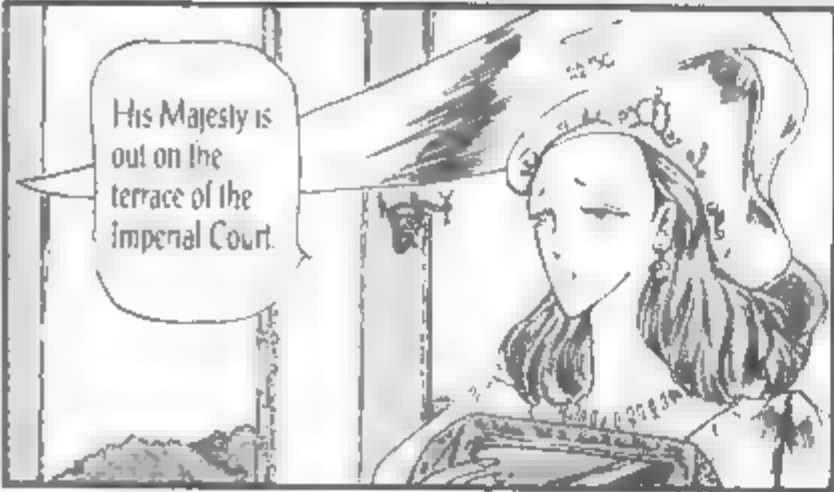
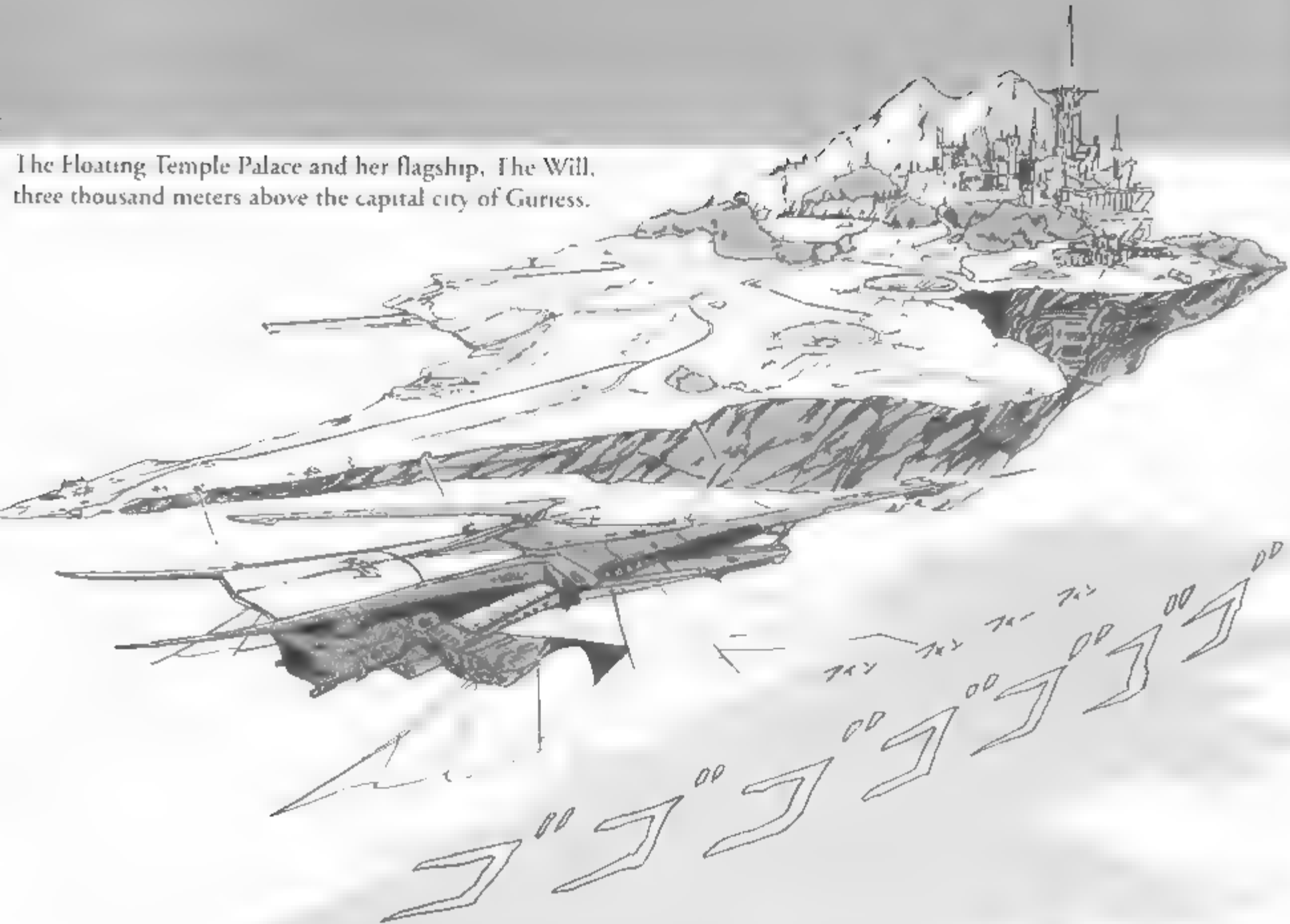


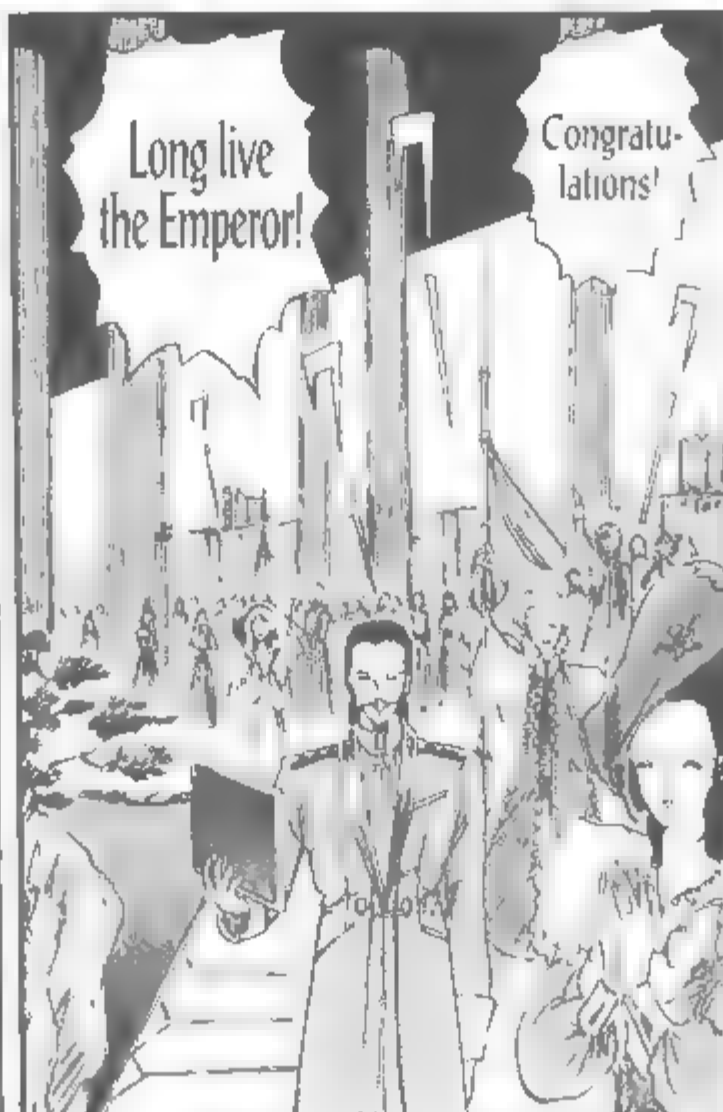
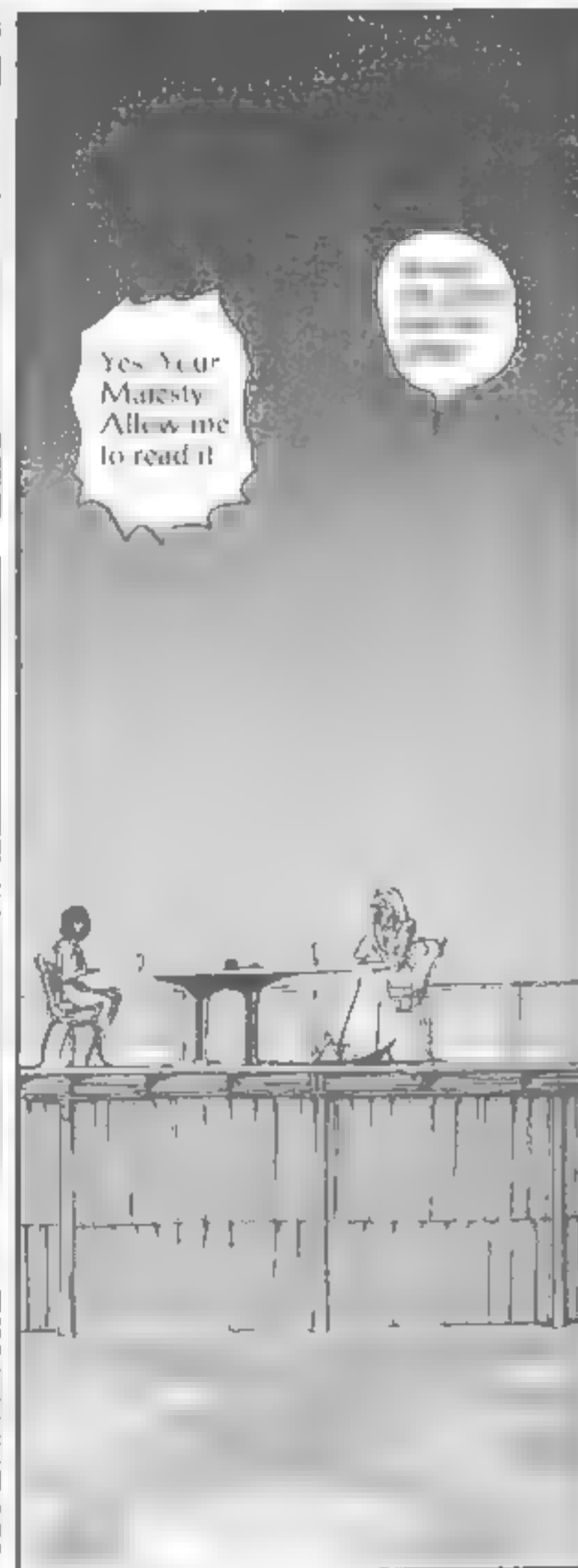


*Amaterasu Kingdom Demenses, imperial headquarters

**Berge Mirage: AKD's mortar head3 for recovery, rescue and/or repair of dysfunctional M.I.s.

The Floating Temple Palace and her flagship, The Will, three thousand meters above the capital city of Guriess.







You know!
I was about
to give up
on you.

Without you
we could
never have
emerged
victorious.



Thank you,
Atropos.



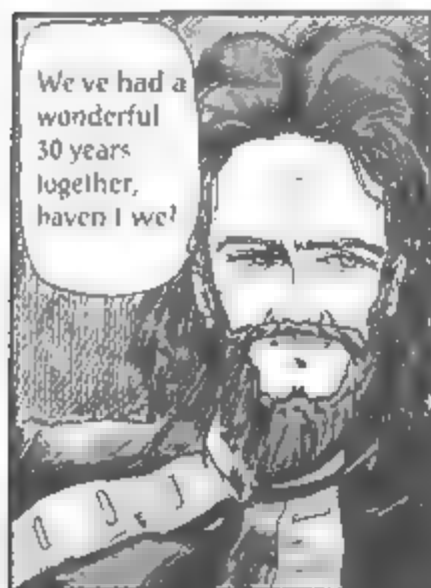
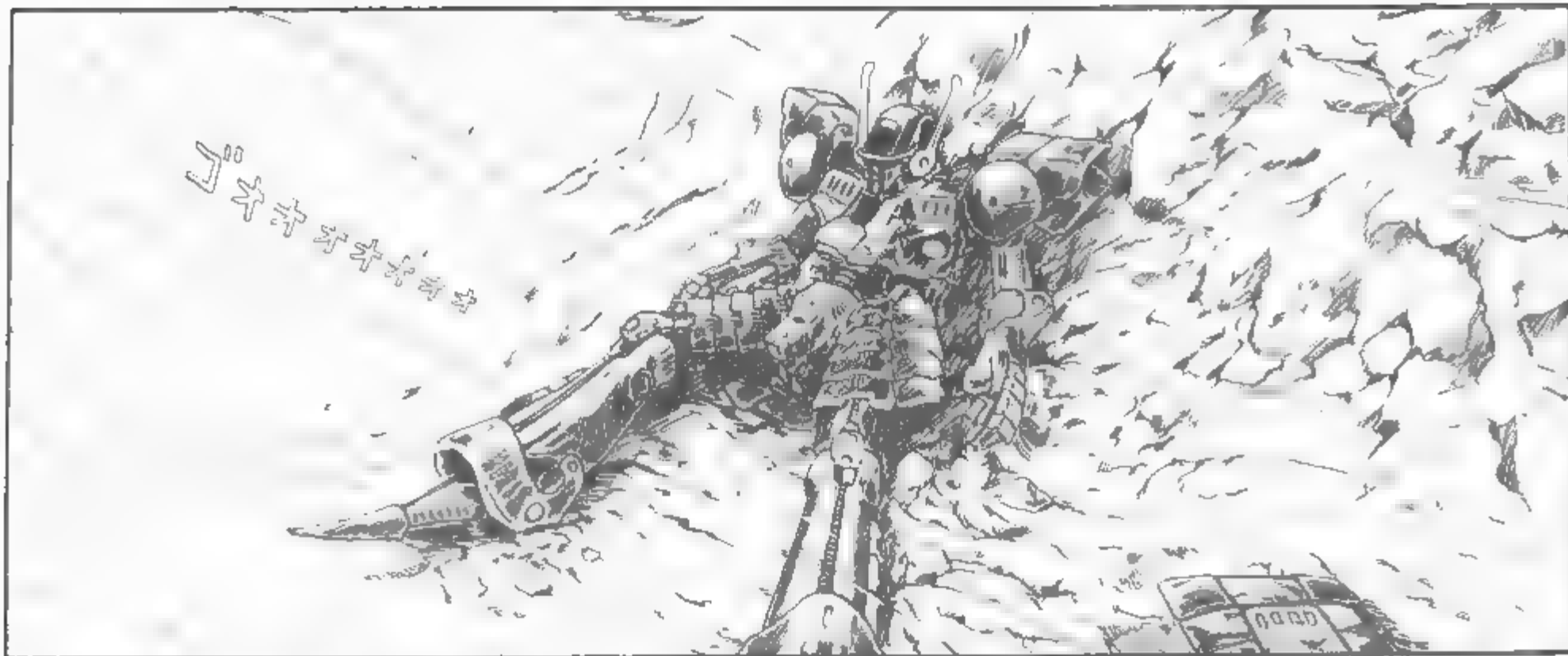
Litra, Ballanche,
Aisha, Rogner,
and Colus III.

But I had
already lost
too many
comrades.



All...
gone.

Then
Lachesis.



We've had a wonderful 30 years together, haven't we?



Master..



And don't blame him, that Karrer.

Forgive me, Est.

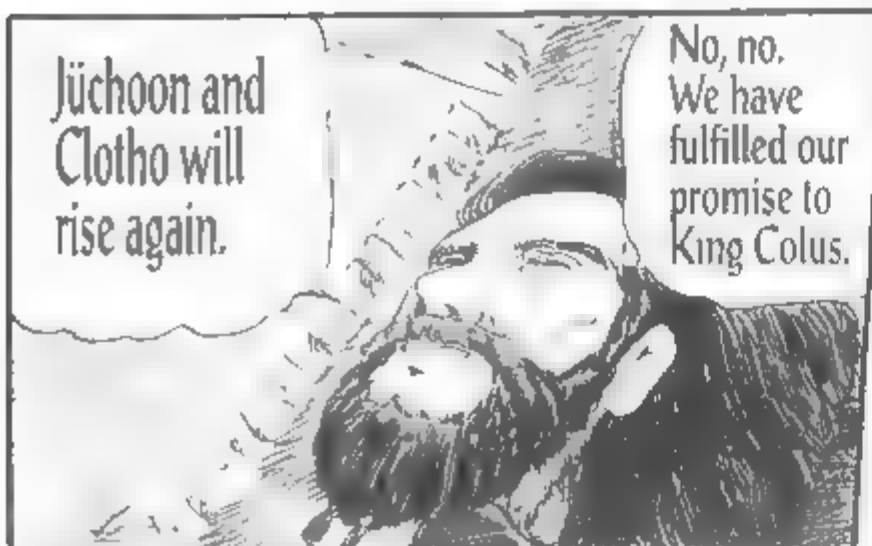


Please, don't speak. Save your strength, master.



Always together, you and I.

Together in this Black Knight, we visited many planets and fought for many people..



Jüchoon and Clotho will rise again.

No, no. We have fulfilled our promise to King Colus.




Now, go
and find a
new
master!

It's no wonder
that I never
married. You
have served and
pleased me in
every way
imaginable.




Truly
beautiful.

You're
beautiful,
Est.




Well...
You
know
me.

Don't be so
damned
chivalrous.



I don't want
any other
master!

No!



Open your
eyes master!
Look at me

Master!

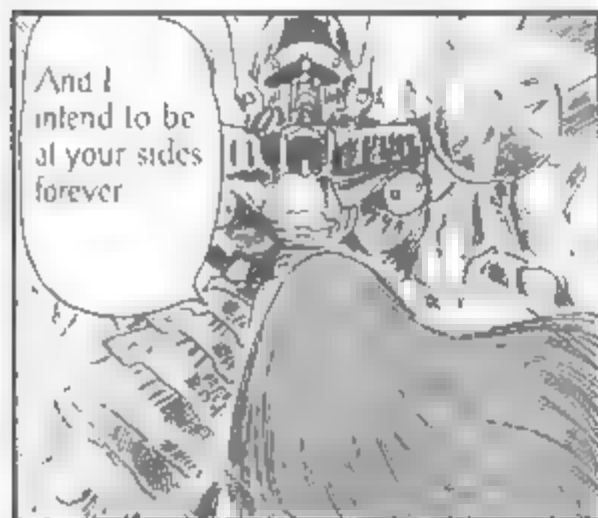


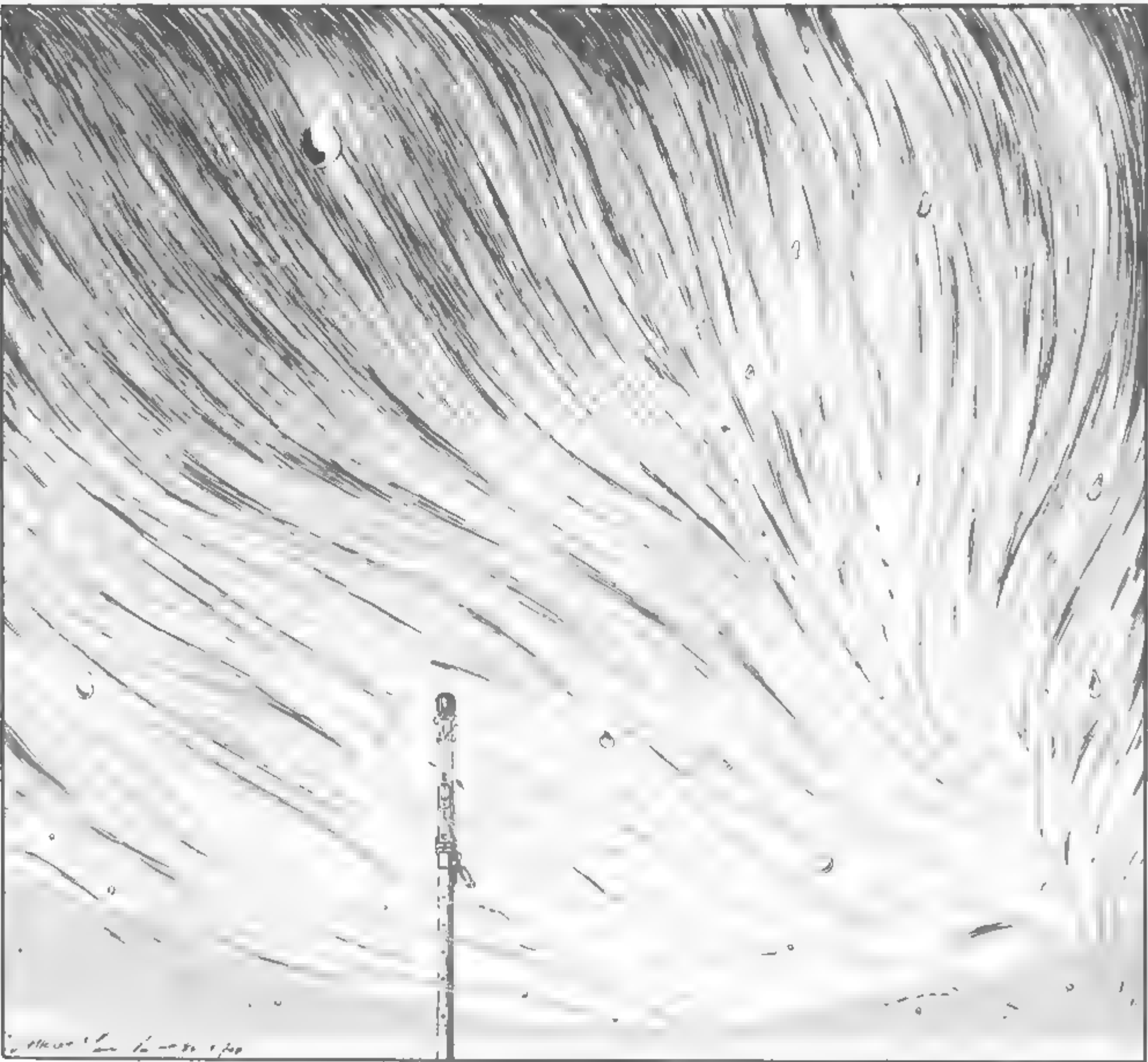
I love you

Thank you
for every-
thing, Est.



Master!





J.C. 3960. After 900 years of vicious war and the fall of over 700 principalities, peace is again restored to the Joker Star Galaxy, and its four solar systems are merged into a planetary commonwealth of political entities under the rule of Amaterasu.

Despite Amaterasu's installation as the Galaxy's first planetary emperor during that same year, military victory over the many different peoples populating the Galaxy was one problem, peacefully integrating them into a new alliance of nations is quite another. And how does he intend to rule after losing Lechesis, the second love of his life?

Even after Lechesis, scores of headdliners and fatimas continued to suffer fates similar to those of Grard and Est. However, it does not follow that they fell and disappeared forever.

We do not know where they have gone, nor when they will return; but we do know where they have been. The prologue you have just read is actually the last episode in a tale filled with the daring adventures of these lost heroes. Now let us begin once again, this time at the beginning.

Addler 2988



The Three Fates : Lachesis



Can you hear
me, double
Epsilon
... Lachesis.



And you're
probably going
to curse and
haunt me just
like Atropos.



This is the
last time you
will ever
sleep again.

Are the thought
of him and the
promises he
made still
imbedded in
your memory
in your prayers?



It's now time
for you to
begin a new
journey down
an eternal
path of misery
and suffering.

What have I
done to you?

My
daugh-
ter

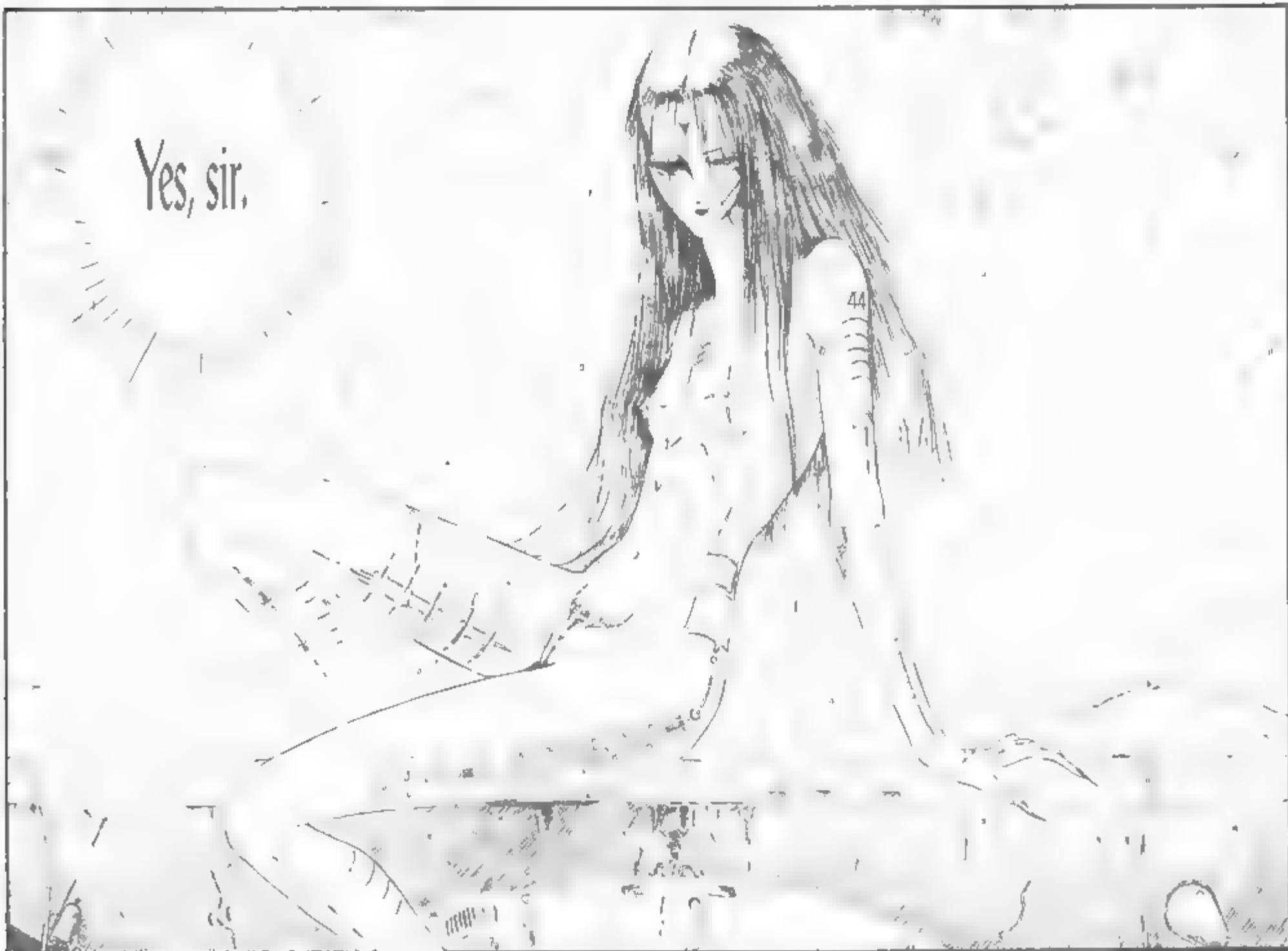


It's going to take
a little time
before your body
motion and
facial expres-
sions stabilize.



Wait.
it's still not time ...
I have to turn the
amnio supply off.







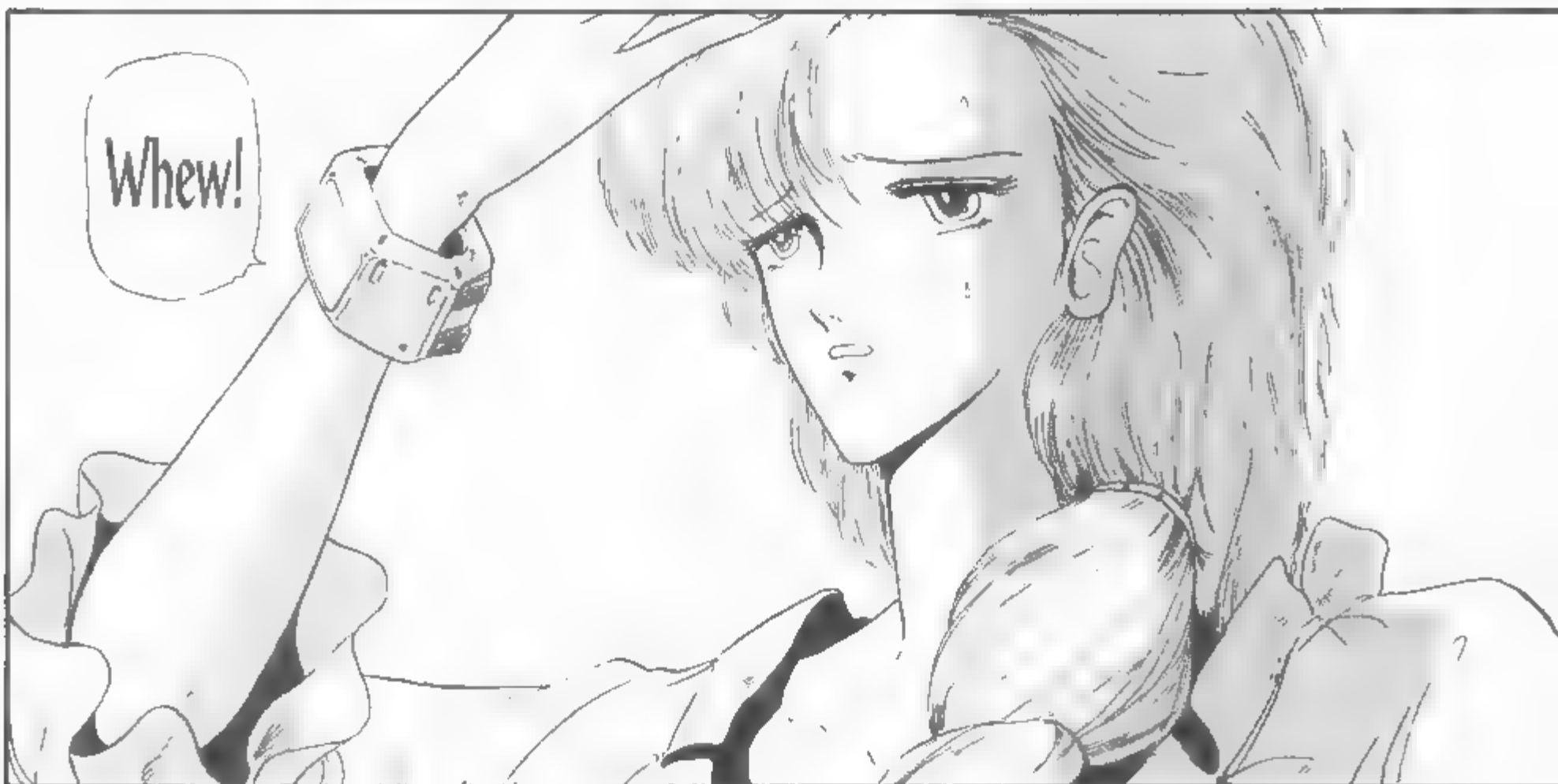
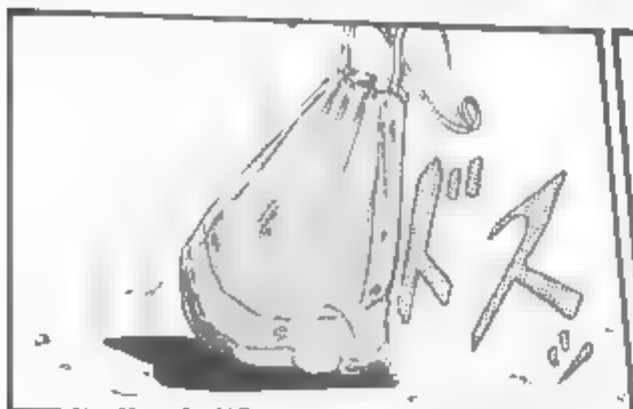


J.C.2988.

The autonomous district of Rent, Trün Republic on Addler, second planet in the Joker Galaxy's Eastern Solar System.

Addler is a planet able to support human life as the result of a large scale terrestrial reclamation project carried out there several thousand years ago. Unlike Delta Belun, which has a long history and rules many of its kingdoms under a central imperial administration, Addler is organized more democratically according to local autonomy exercised under a federal congress and boasts many prosperous regional industrial and commercial economies.



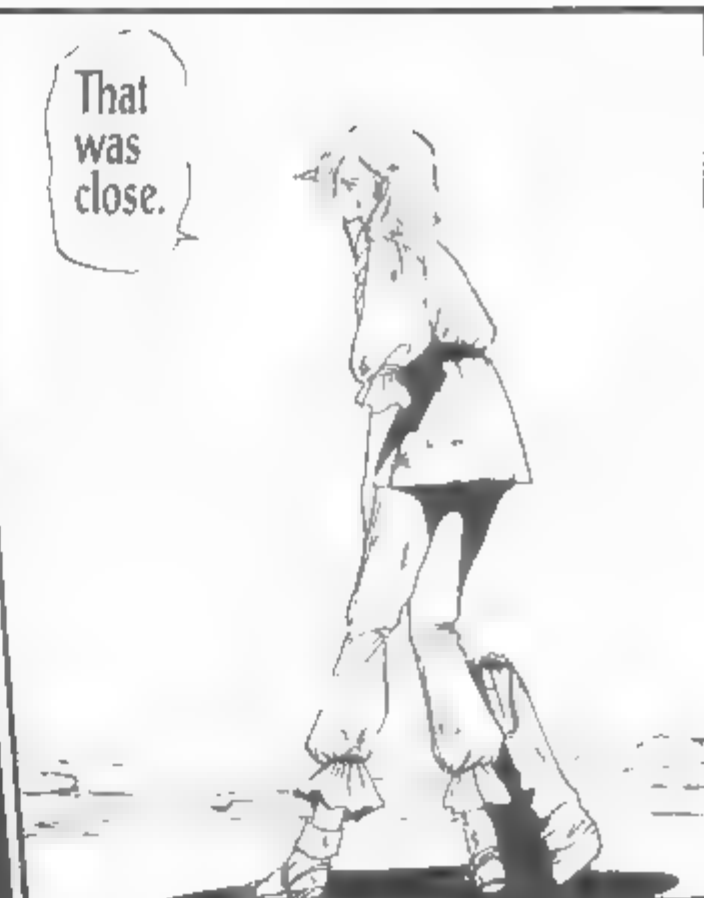




Where
are we?



Sand from
head to
foot.



That
was
close.



What's
wrong
now?

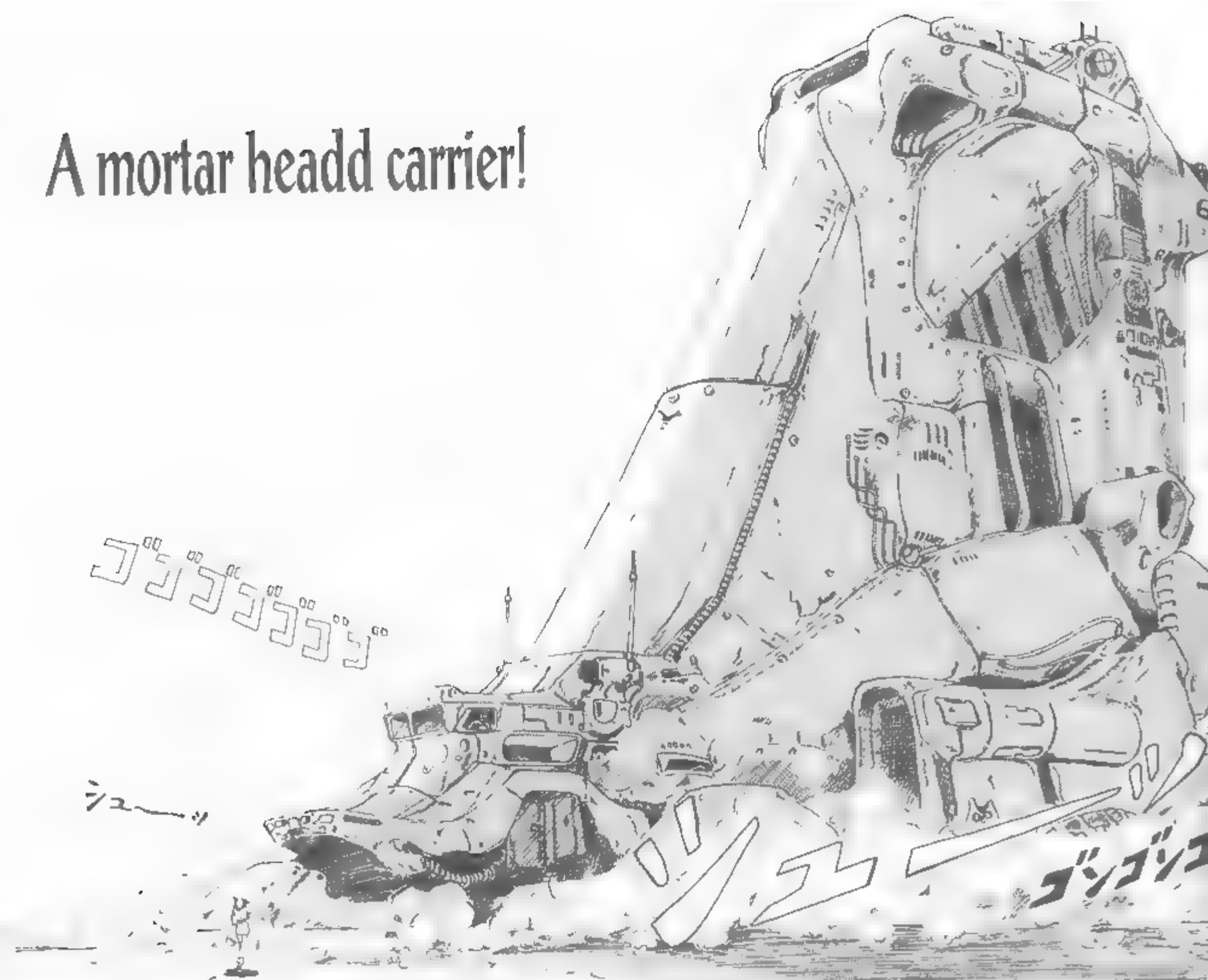
But we
were so
close!



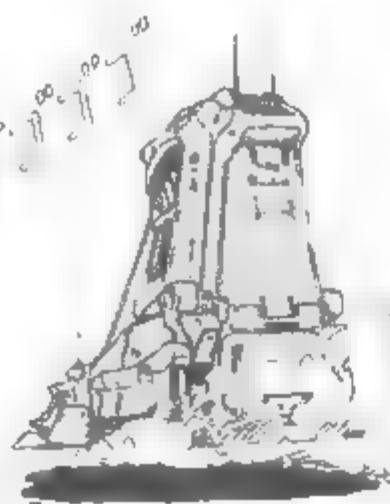
I should've
brought a
dig* instead.

*General term for a hover-craft powered by an external combustion engine system enabling frictionless movement. Models range in size from motorcycles to starships and mortar heads.

A mortar headd carrier!



Sorry about
that...Really!



Princess!!



Lost your
way my
little
princess?



Well, well. What
do we have here?
Goddess of the
dunes?

I thought
you were
some sort of
mirage out
there

But let me tell
you, kid.
Anyone would
have made the
same mistake.

Prince,
right?

Desirable!
Marry me!

You are good
looking boy
Kind of
seductive.

You
know?

Ladies
Sopp.

Come on,
relax.
What's your
name?

Just kidding.
Wrong
orientation,
anyway.
Really!

Bastogne.

Where're
you
headed?

Anyway
I'm Voards
Viewlard.
A headdliner*,
if you can
believe it.

Sopp ...
Mmm. Where
have I heard
that name
before?

*A minor headliner. The transdermic titles of the ruling headliners are indeed a rare breed, due to their ability and the fortitude to man the controls of such a powerful and destructive machine. The status of headliner is not inherited, but is considered the highest honor any knight could attain.



Just happen
to be heading
there myself.



To visit a
friend ...
Why?

Bastogne!
What in
the world
for?



The debut of
Dr. Ballanche's
newest
creations five
days from
now.

About the
fatimas.



I guess
you don't
know



Rumor says that
they're the Doc's
pièces de résistance
and headliners
and royalty from all
over the galaxy are
gathering in
Bastogne to see for
themselves

These two are
sort of special,
seeing it's been
12 years since
Ballanche came
out with his last
one Fisphone

Yeah
A coming out
party for the
fatimas to
choose their
masters



Debut?

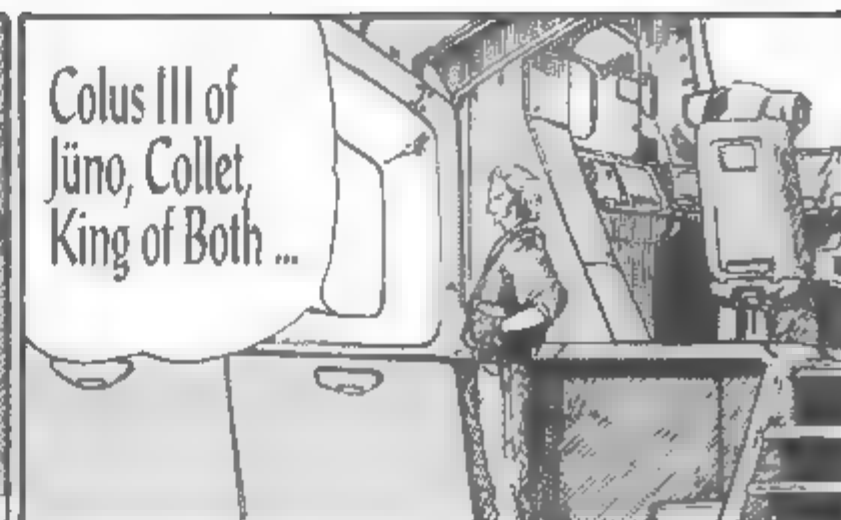


In any case,
every celebrity
imaginable will
be on hand for
this shabang.



Not really. I've
been called in
by the Union to
help supervise
the event.

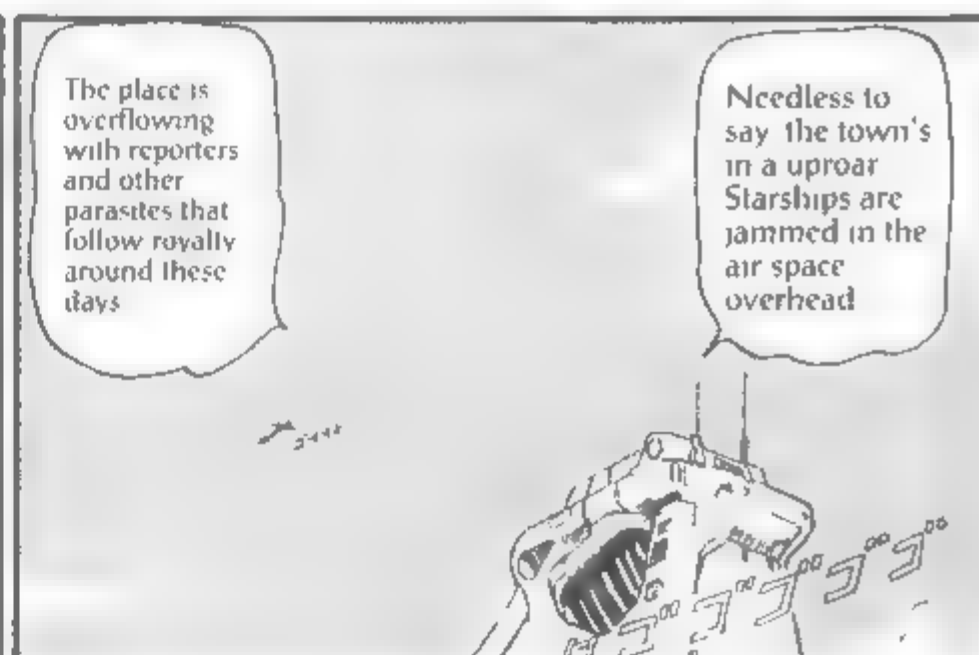
And you
right along
with them?

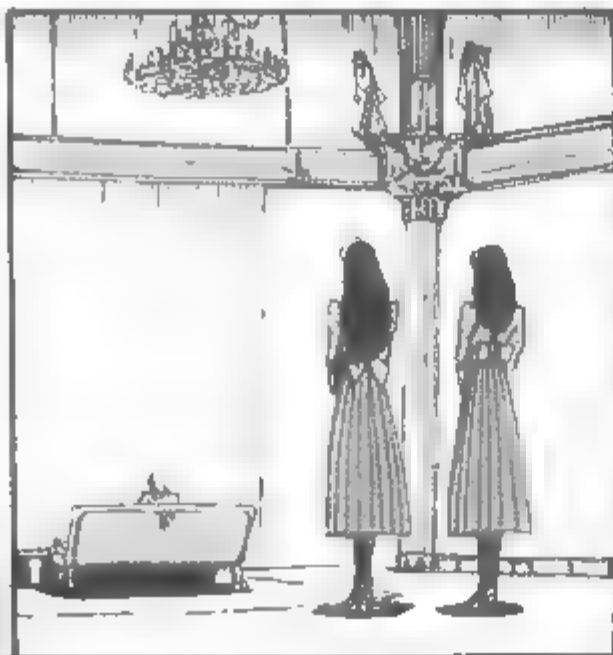
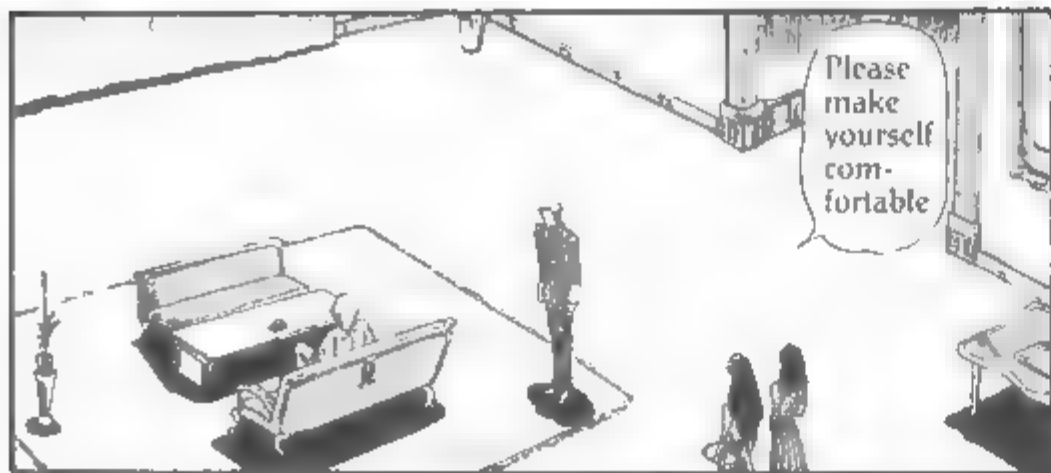
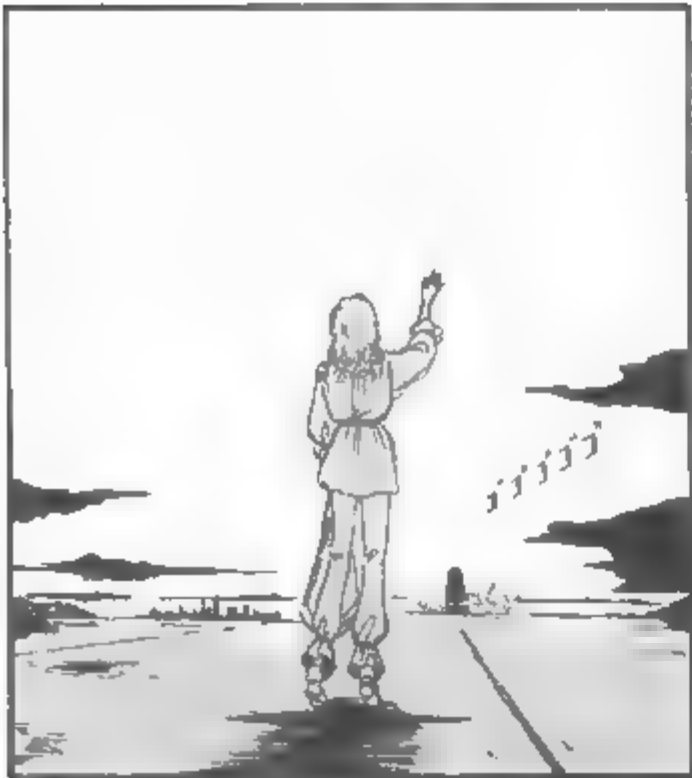


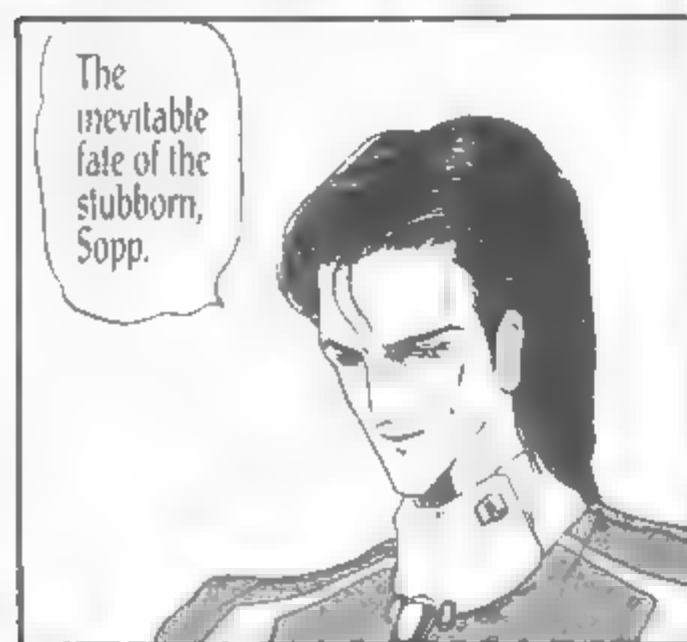
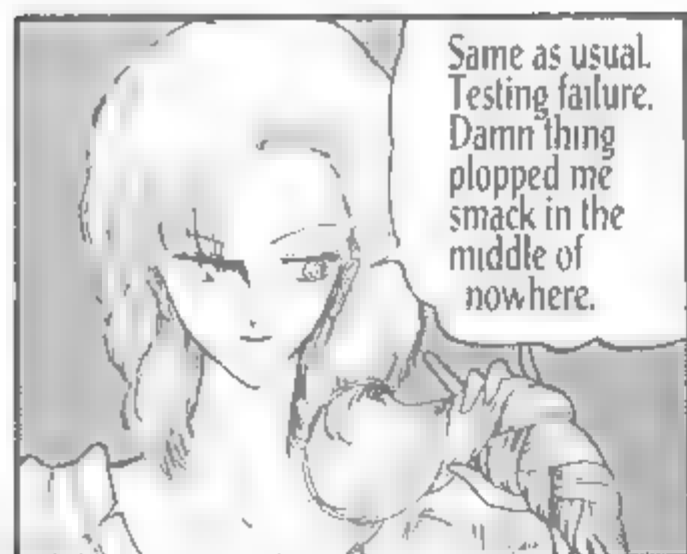
The Fatima Debut

Fatimas are female artificial life forms created to function as computerized android navigator/engineers, helping headdliners to control their mortar headds more easily and efficiently. Technically, they are classified as "quasi-robots" under Galaxy law, and are required to be programmed to feel, act and think in predictable and controllable ways; but essentially they are physiologically identical to human beings and are valued by their headdliners and countries on an equal scale with the MH's they help operate.

In the past, wars were fought and blood spilled in efforts to obtain the most talented fatimas, however, in JC 2390, an attempt was made to curtail the blood-letting and respect the fatima's human rights by allowing each of them to choose of its own accord the one and only master it was to serve. As in the case of the gathering at Bastogne, whenever fatimas designed by the most well-known meights were scheduled to come out, rulers, aristocrats and entrepreneurs of all kinds would come from far and wide, along with their entourages of headdliners, in the hope of persuading one of these precious creatures to call them master.









Both were immediately taken away by Juba.

Now, just two days ago, Lachesis and Clotho came of age



What about Atropos?



You let her escape?

She came of age a year ago... She's gone



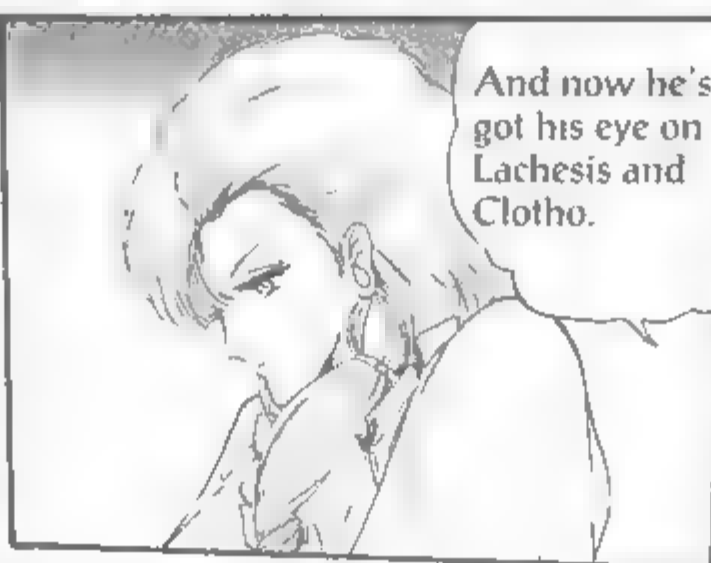
Eatta, Teata, Partheno, all born right here

A little nostalgic? It's been almost ten years

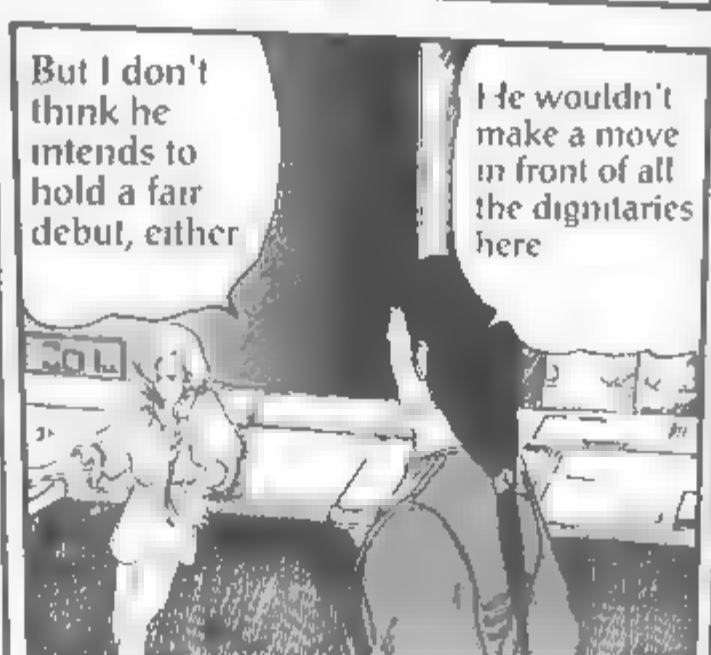


Protect them Help them find legitimate headdliner partners

Sopp.



And now he's got his eye on Lachesis and Clotho.



But I don't think he intends to hold a fair debut, either

He wouldn't make a move in front of all the dignitaries here



What else could I do? Let that bastard turn yet another fatima into one of his sex kittens?

Atropos either.

Sopp. Neither of them has been subjected to mind control

I don't think we have much to worry about. The best known headliners are all here.

It'll be the end of them! Get them away from here before that madman makes them his whores.

According to Galaxy law if they don't choose masters at the debut, they'll revert to the protection of the local lord

If it's discovered, they'll be destroyed. Especially if they decide to choose a master who's not a headliner.

These three are different from all the others.

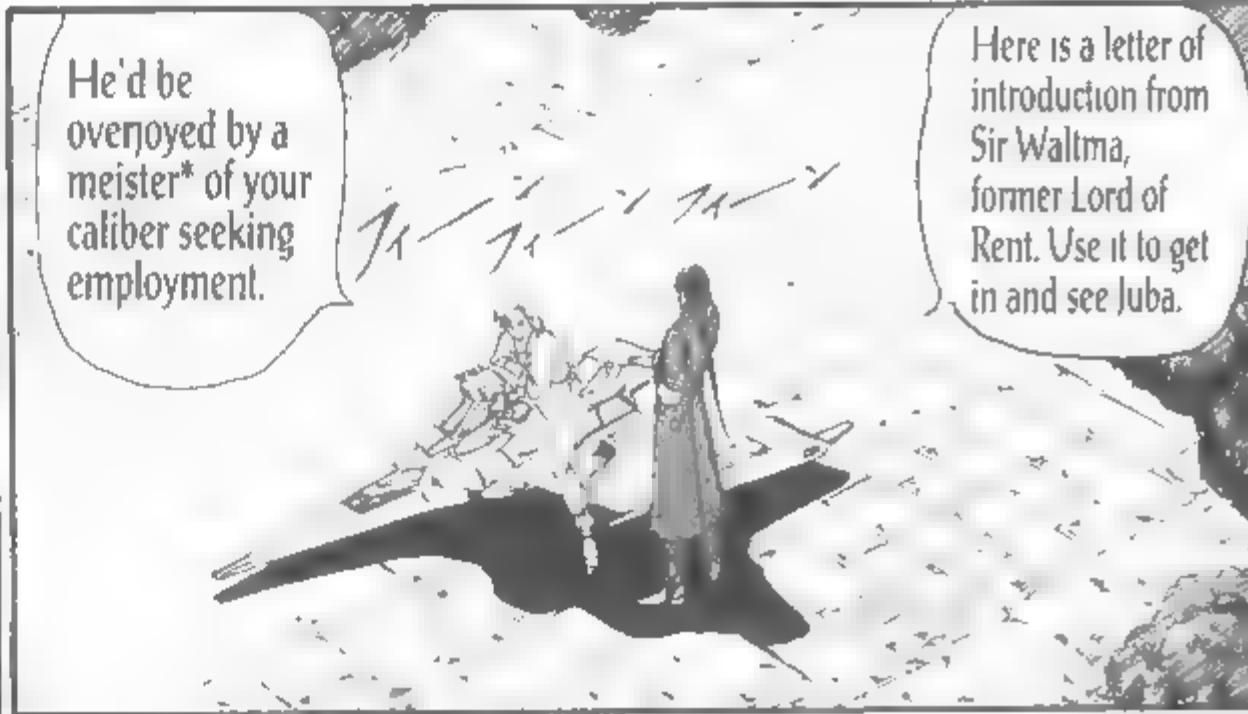
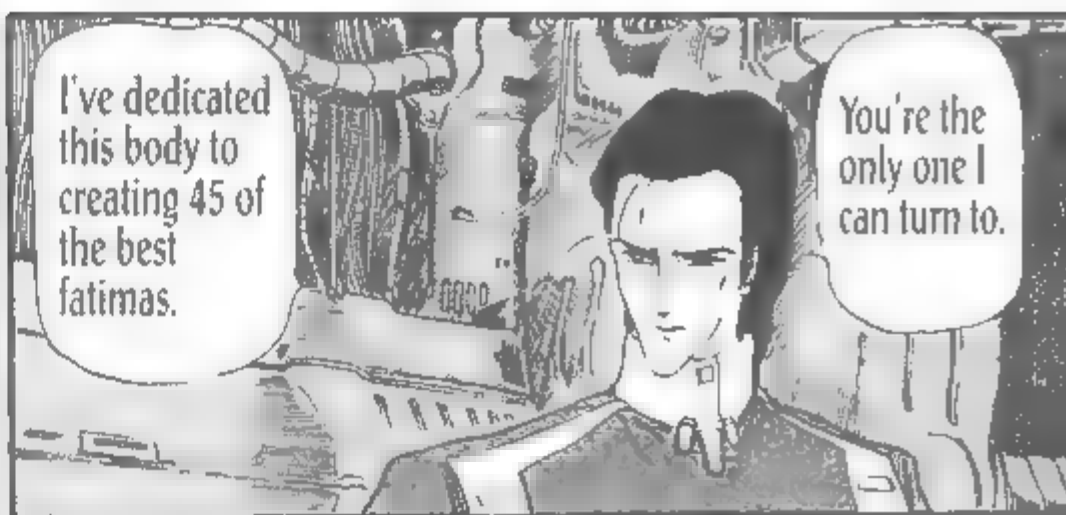
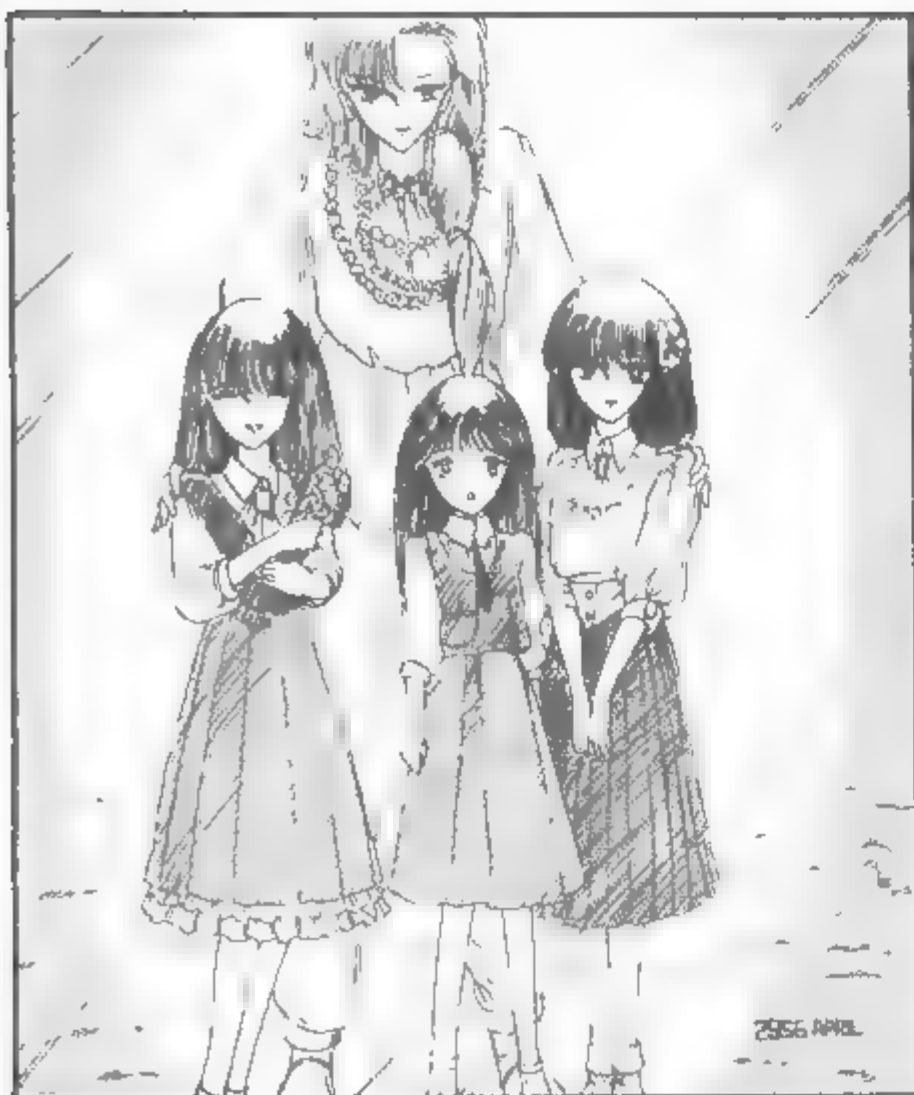
What were you thinking, Ballanche?

You're joking!

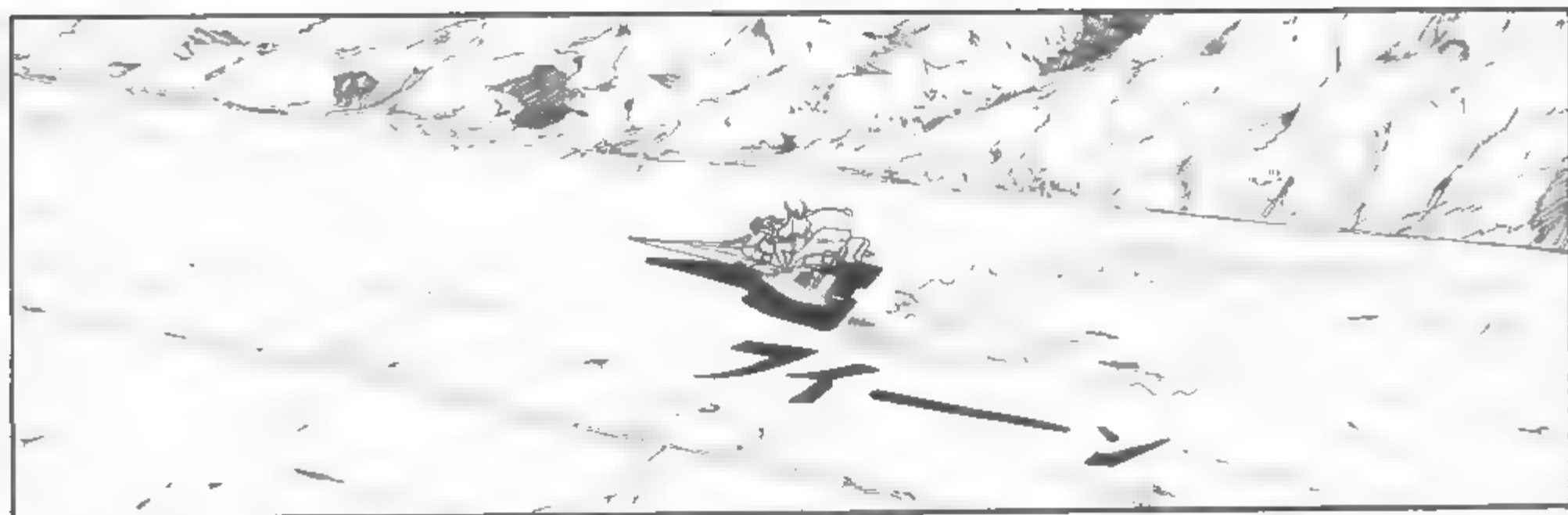
Before I die.

I'm begging you Sopp. As a friend. One last favor.

Of all my daughters, these three are special. I spent 18 years raising them.

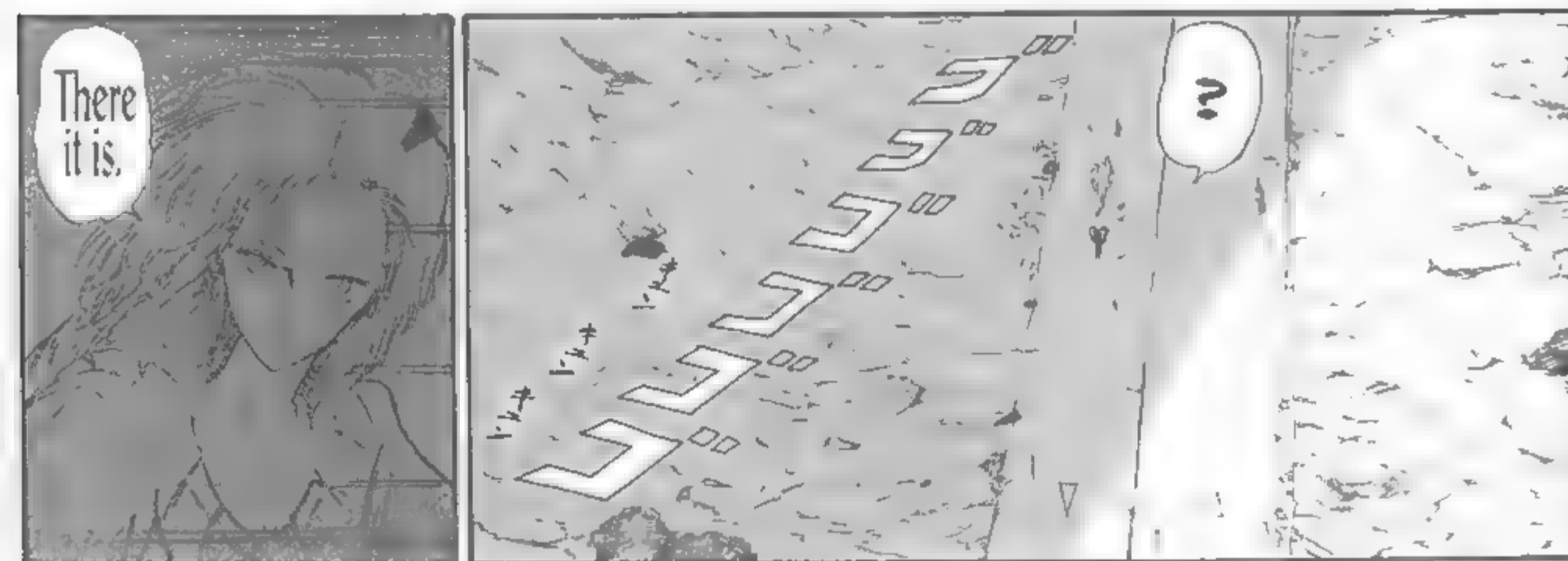


*Chief mechanical engineer is a title held by a master of technology, not a title of nobility.



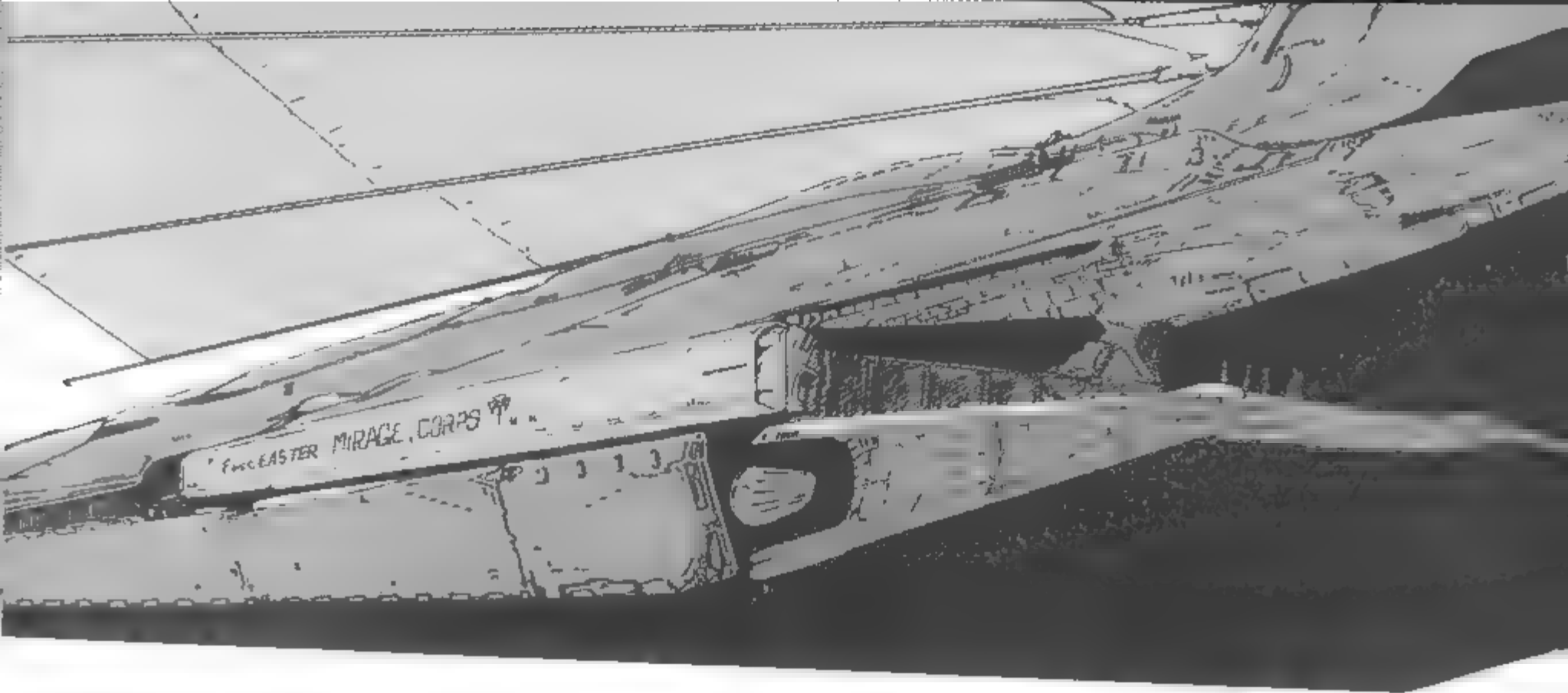
When I grow up
I'm going to marry
Mr. Sopp. Mr. Sopp is
going to be my master.

Lachesis. It's been ten years.
All grown up now.



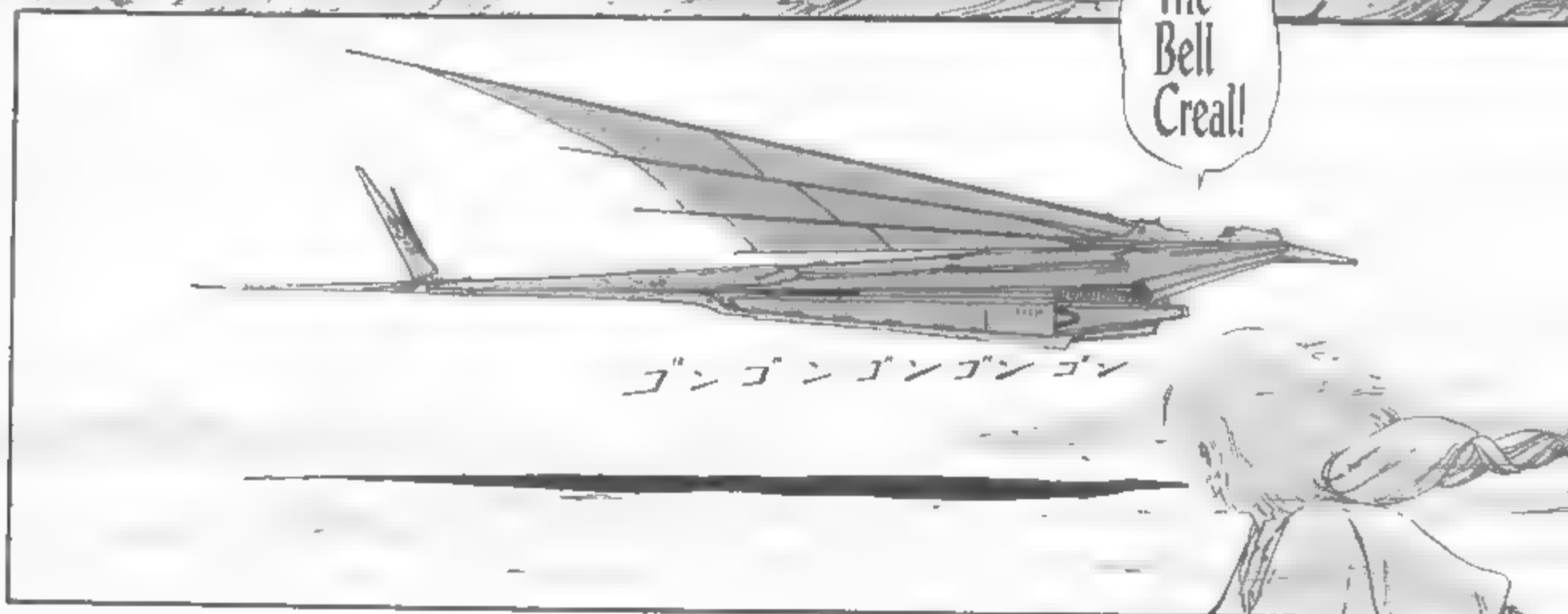
There
it is.

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Bastogne:

A free, politically neutral city of the autonomous district of Rent in the Trun Union, home to many of Addler's craftspeople, artists and scholars. Such neutral ground guarantees a peaceful atmosphere for such interplanetary events as sessions of the Galaxy Parliament and fatima debuts.





What am I
doing here?
What have you
brought me into
this time,
allanache!



What?

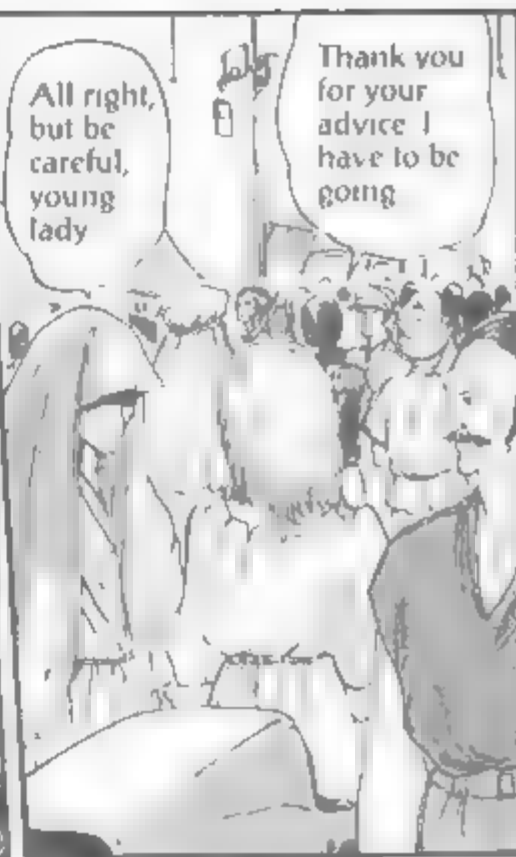


はっざり
言て
美いワ

And now I'm
supposed to ...



If this Juba
lives up to his
reputation,
Lachesis is in
real trouble



All right,
but be
careful,
young
lady

Thank you
for your
advice I
have to be
going



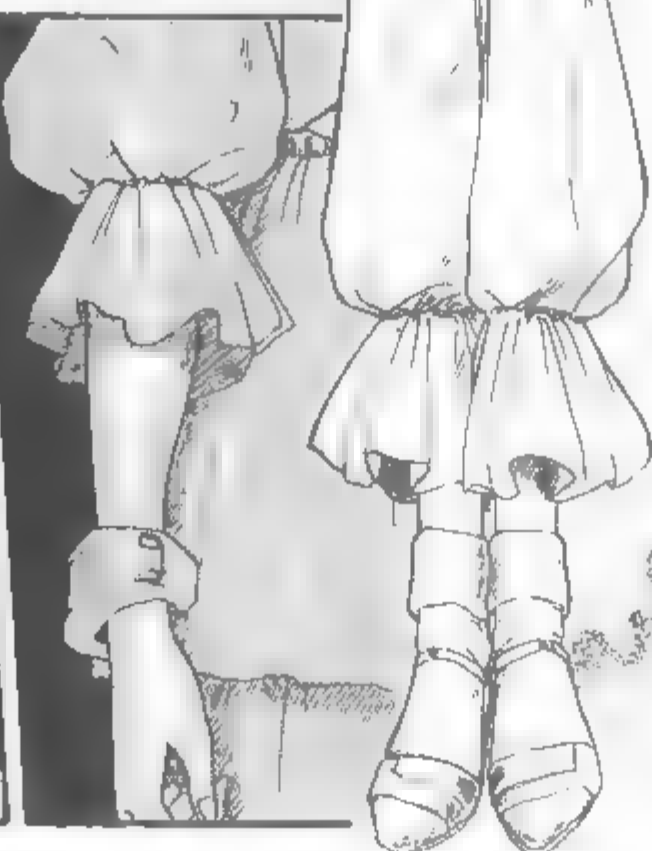
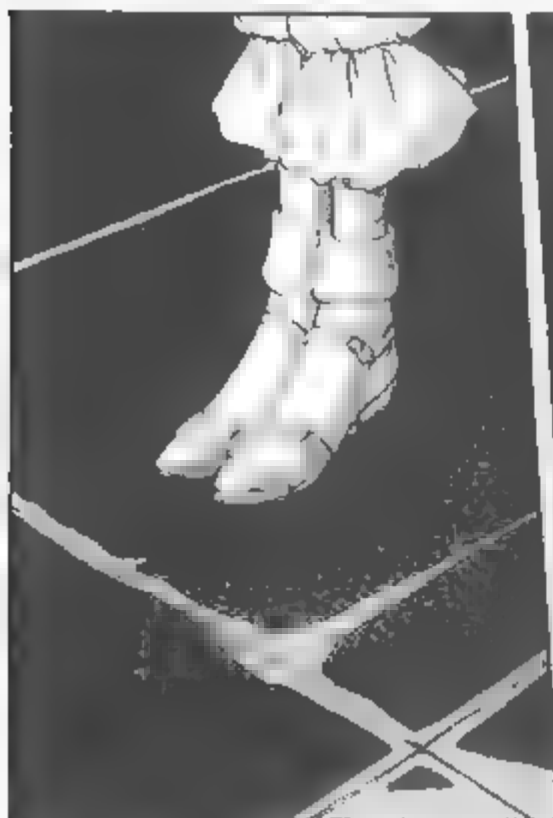
Flattered,
I'm sure.
Out of the
mouths of
babes.

I have a
room for
the night,
pretty
maiden?



Yes my
lord One
Ladies
Sopp

What?
A mortar
headd
meister?





Is that face
for real?
How old are
you?



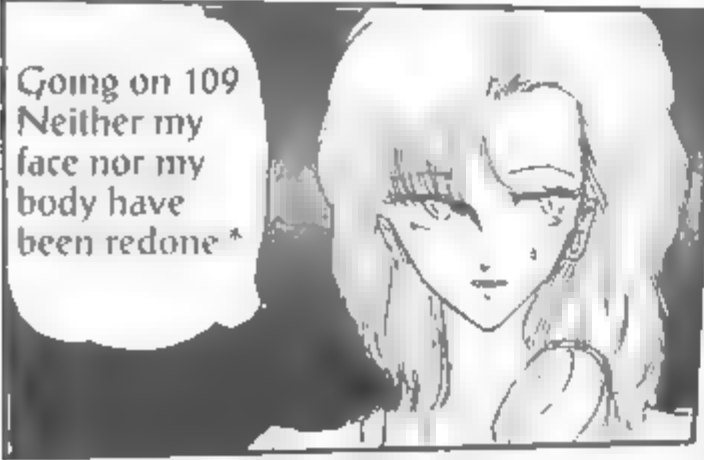
Such a
beautiful
voice, like a
song bird,
sire.

What?
Yes, yes, yes.
I know.



What on
earth are
you doing
here?

I heard you
are a fairly
well-known
meister, Sopp.



Going on 109
Neither my
face nor my
body have
been redone *



Maybe Grand
Duke Juba, the
most influential
figure in the
Rent Union,
might be looking

I was
thinking...



I'll give you
twice, no
three times,
what you're
making
now.

Ok.
I'm sold!



No, my lord,
not a word.
They haven't
stirred an
inch.

Have our two
little goddesses
said anything
yet?



You may go
now. You'll
be shown to
your quarters
presently.

*Organic synthesis has progressed to the possibility of reconstructing humans from the remains of surviving organic matter if necessary.



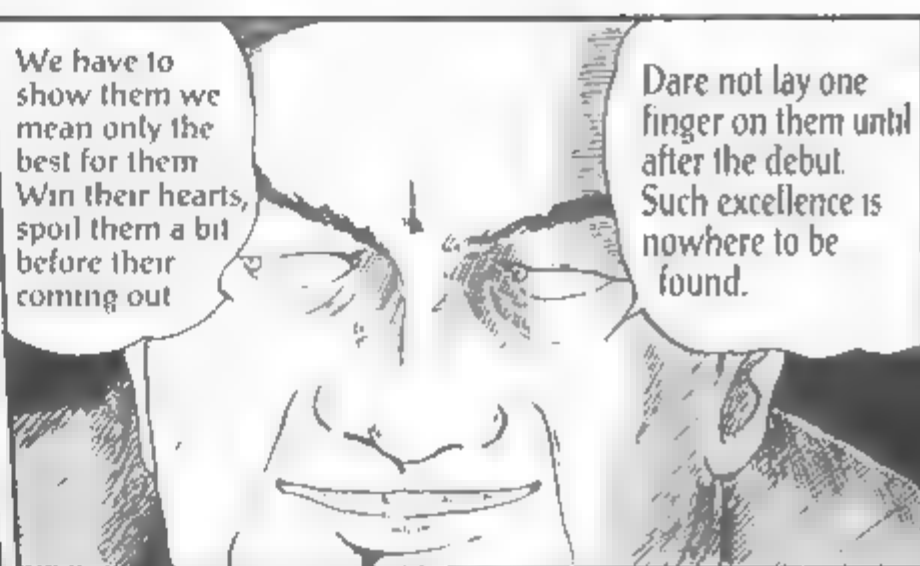
Indeed,
my lord!
Heh, heh,
hen

Most of the
royalty gathered
here are more
interested in my
money than
those latimas



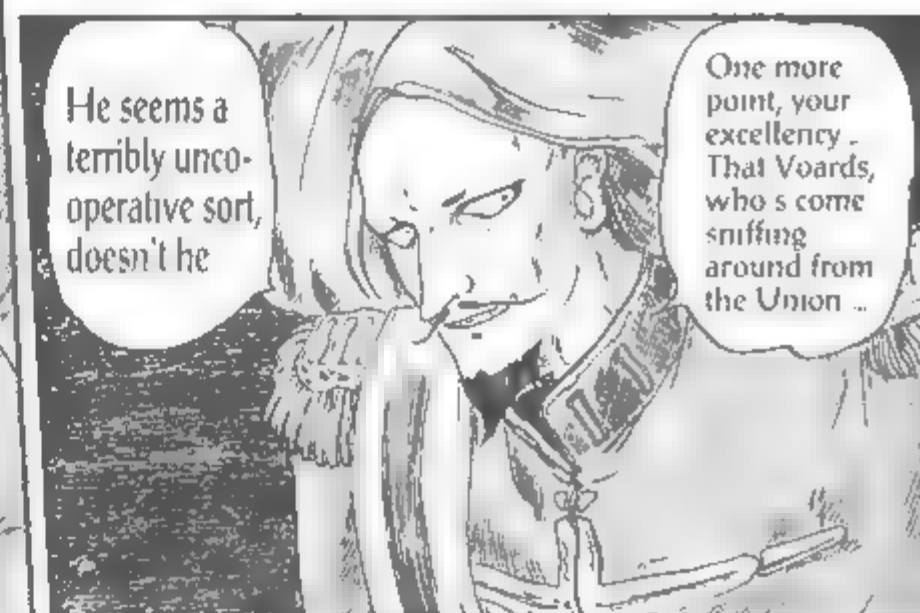
As that Sopp
said, I'm the
ruler of Rent.
There's nothing
to fear from the
Congress.

He's all the
Union's got.



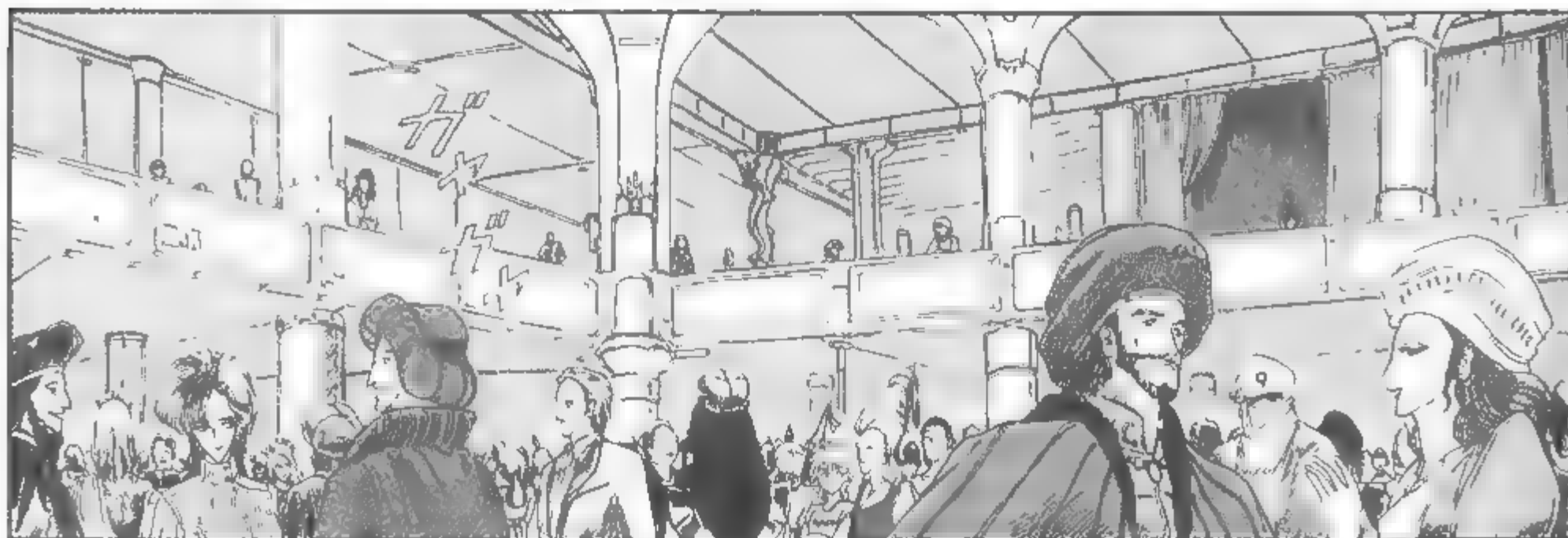
We have to
show them we
mean only the
best for them.
Win their hearts,
spoil them a bit
before their
coming out.

Dare not lay one
finger on them until
after the debut.
Such excellence is
nowhere to be
found.



He seems a
terribly unco-
operative sort,
doesn't he

One more
point, your
excellency -
That Voards,
who's come
sniffing
around from the Union ...



Sir Voards.



Hey!



God, I hate those monkey suits.

Now, Viewlard. Aren't you forgetting something? Your knightly regalia.

Just call me Sopp. I'm no headd liner, just a meister

Now you're out of character

Please forgive me.

I had no idea that you were **that** Ladios Sopp? I was rude and out of line.

Great! And call me Viewlard.

You mean it?

Dirty ...

That guy you're working for, the local big shot, Juba. He's a degenerate, a dirty old man.

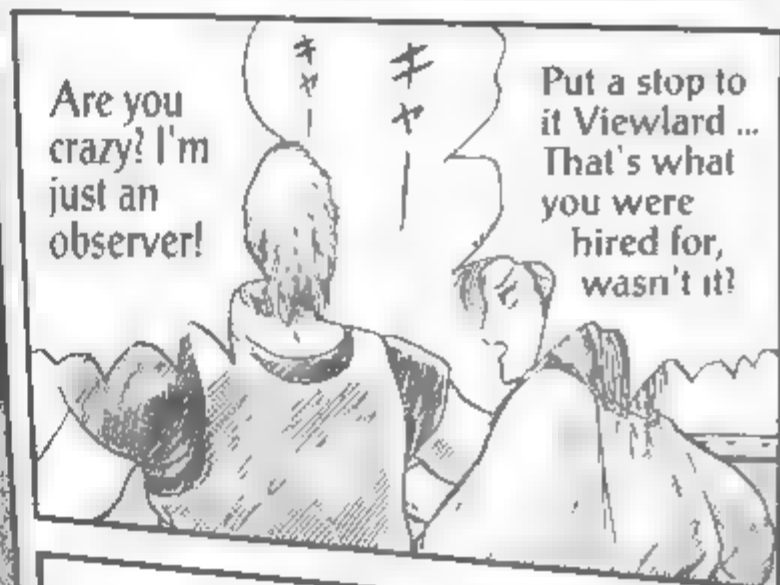
Let me tell you something, Sopp

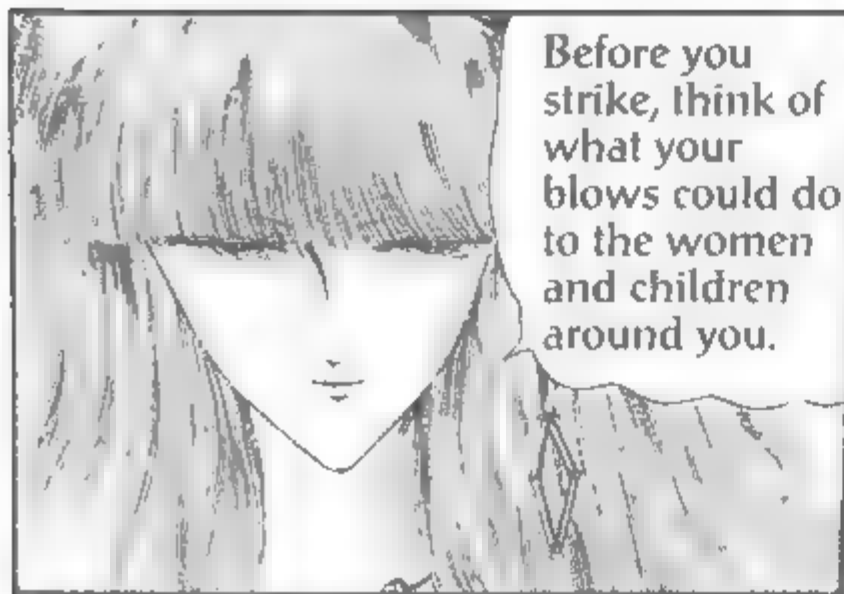
You'll find out in due time

I appreciate your concern, Viewlard, but I have something else in mind.

Are you into that kind of thing? If you ask him to, he'll spread honey all over your body and lick off every drop of it







Before you strike, think of what your blows could do to the women and children around you.



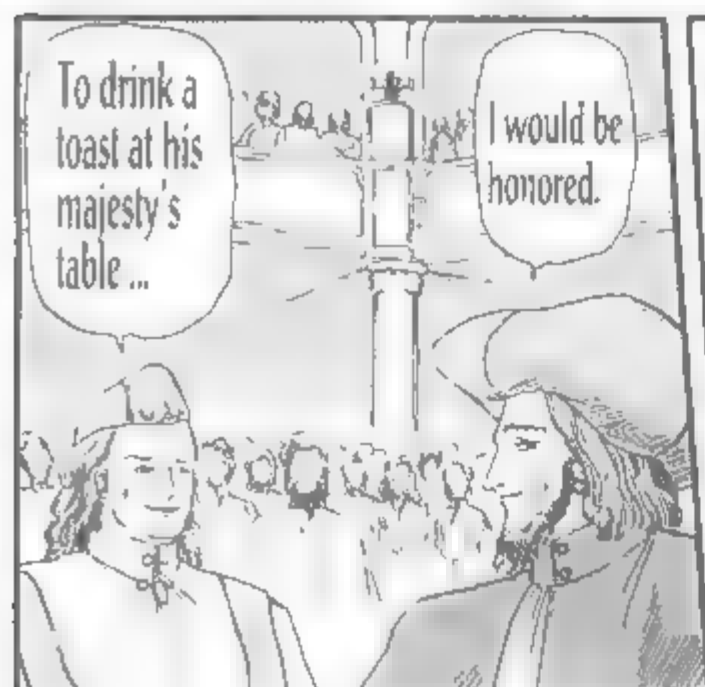
Delta Belun's emperor of light

It's Amalerasu...



And I would be the laughing stock of ten kingdoms on Delta Belun if blood were to be shed in my presence.

The press is gathered outside ready to enter.



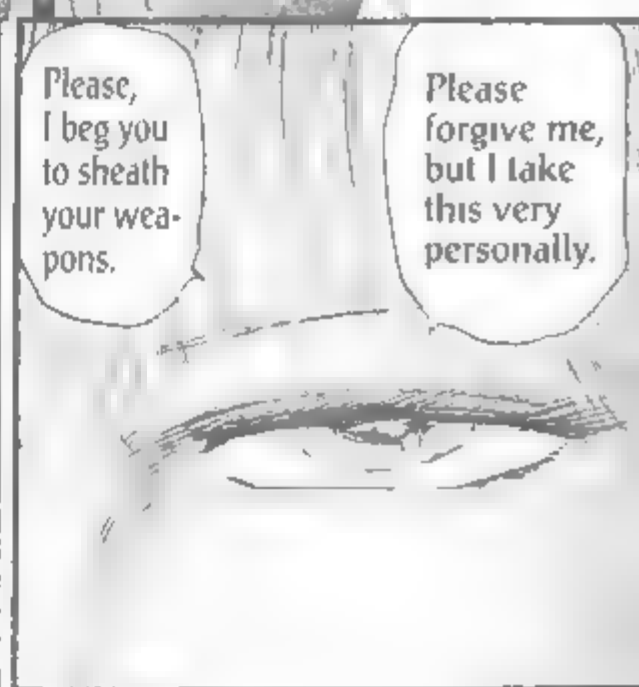
To drink a toast at his majesty's table...

I would be honored.



I would be pleased if you gentlemen would join me

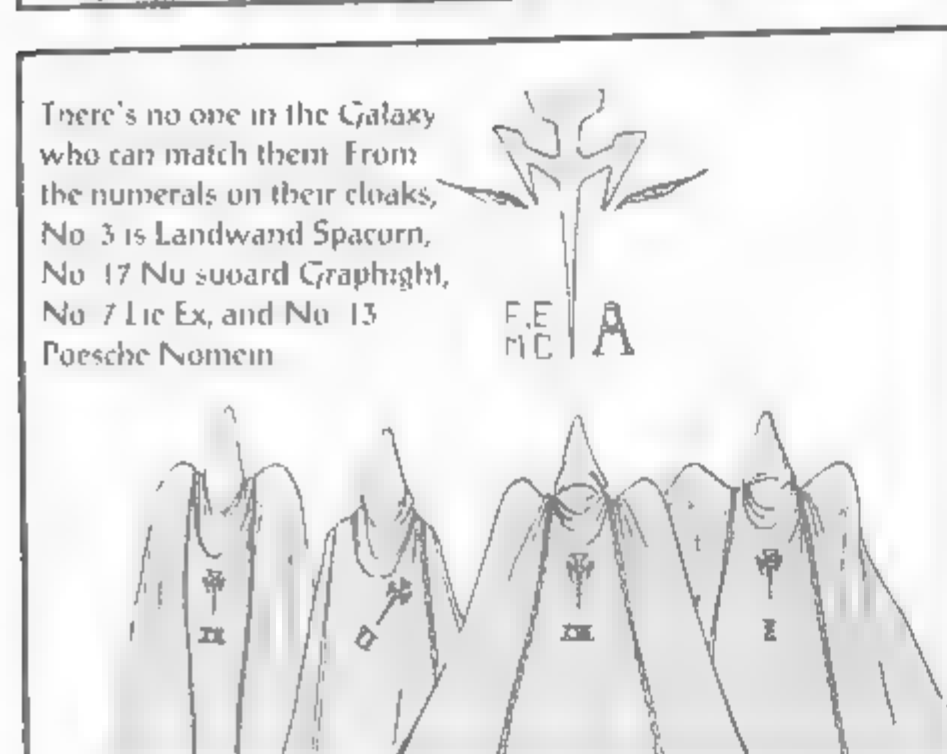
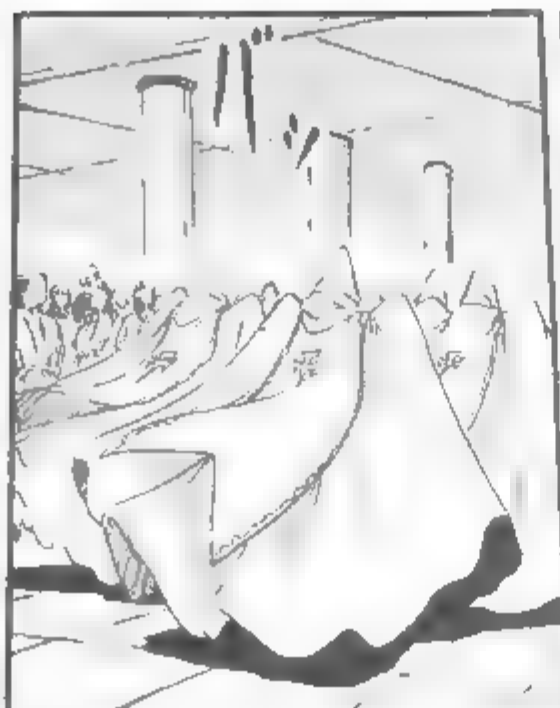
I have prepared something to drink.



Please, I beg you to sheath your weapons.

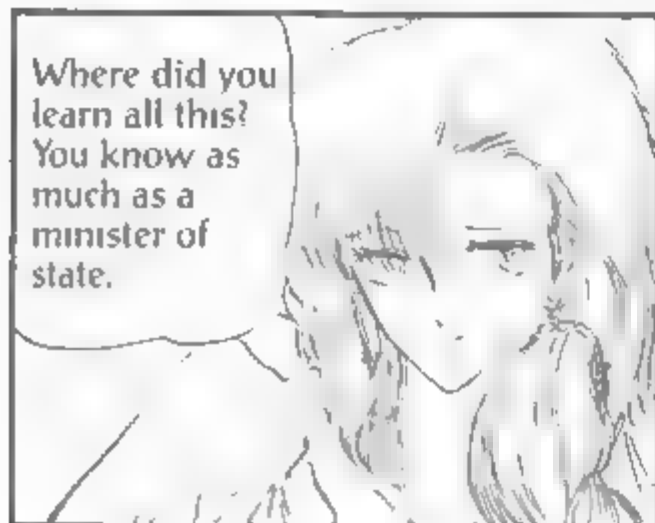
Please forgive me, but I take this very personally.



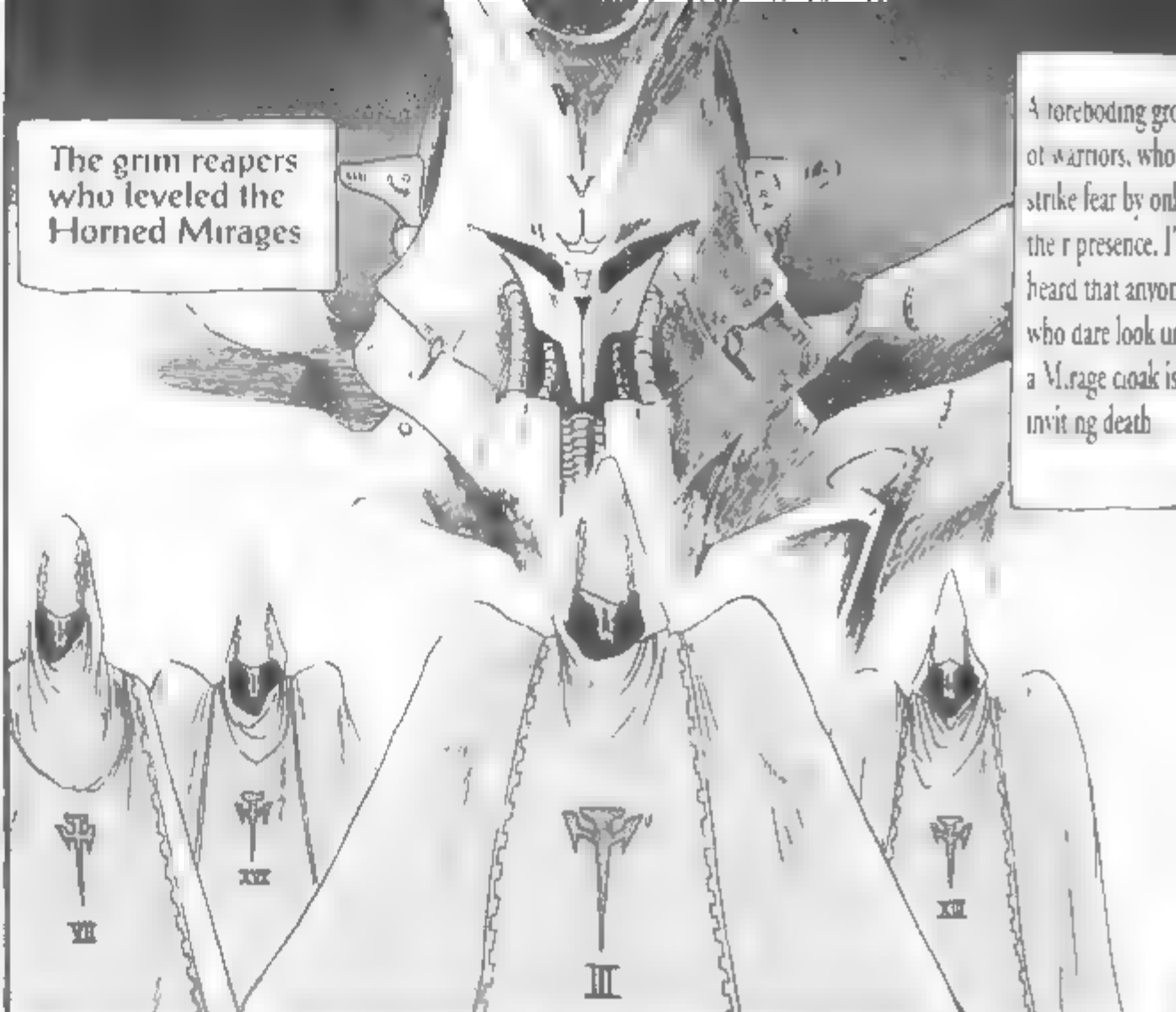




Their leader Duke Ragna and Captain of the Guard Aisha must have stayed back in Delta Belun

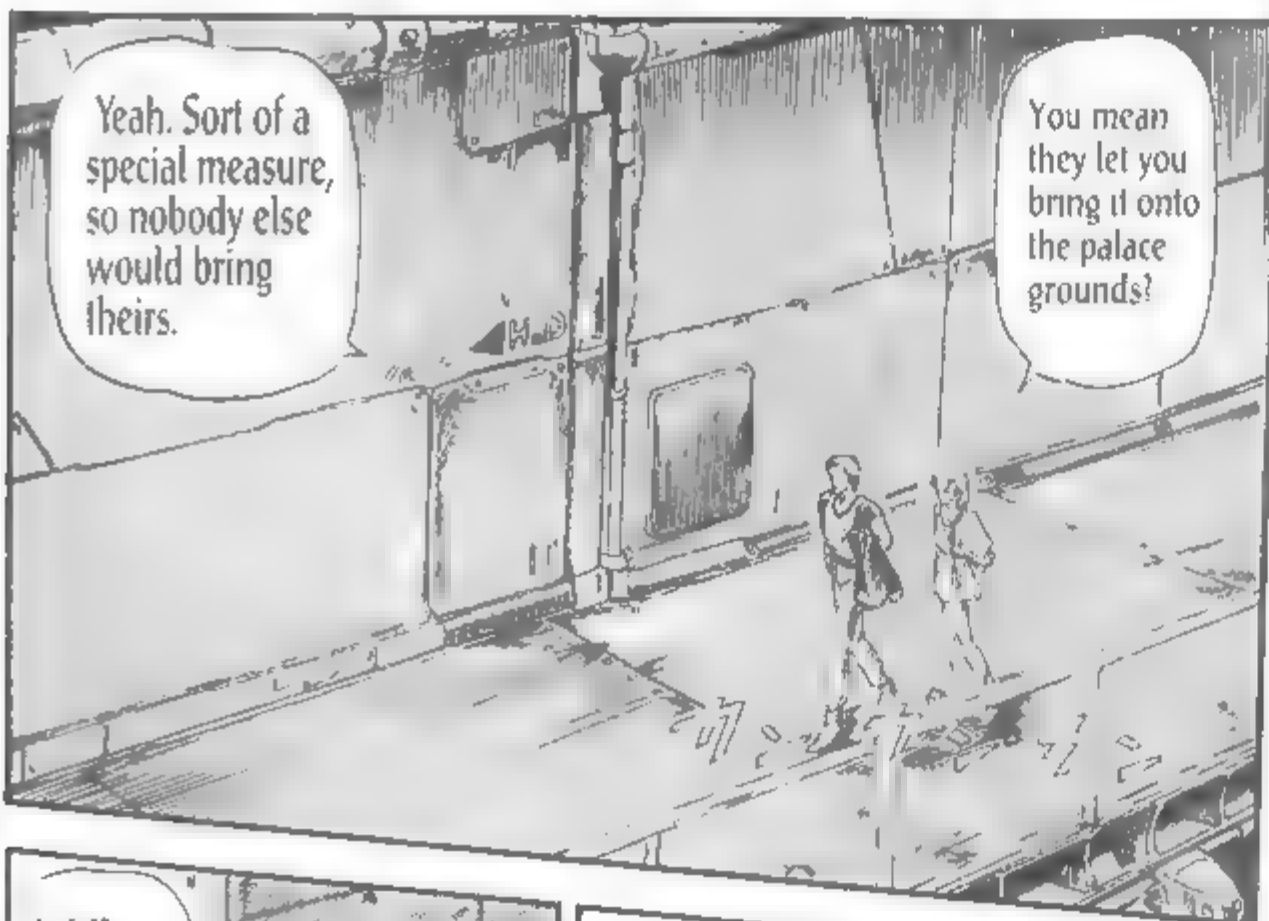


Where did you learn all this? You know as much as a minister of state.



The grim reapers who leveled the Horned Mirages

A foreboding group of warriors, who strike fear by only the presence. I heard that anyone who dare look up a Mirage cloak is inviting death.



Yeah. Sort of a special measure, so nobody else would bring theirs.

You mean they let you bring it onto the palace grounds?



Oh that just a hobby I'm a royalty freak, that's all

Huh?



Well, here's Brandzi.



The whole palace would have been blown to kingdom come

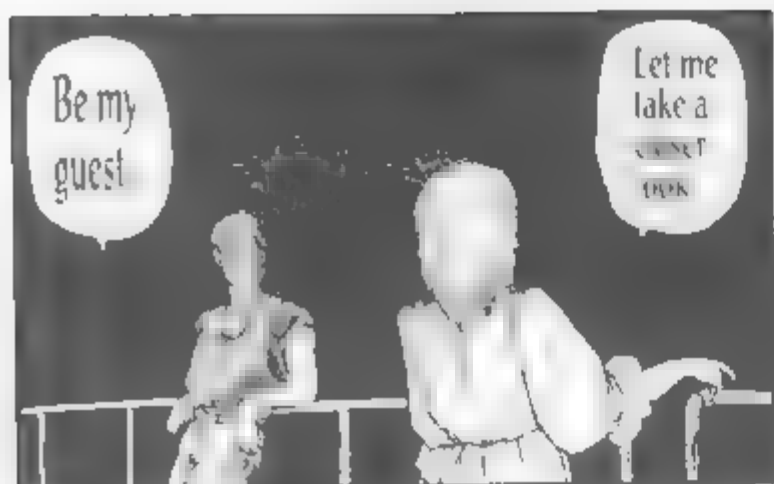
If that quarrel down there would have been with Mirages rather than spads



Wanna see my mortar headd?

The show's over for now.

Really?



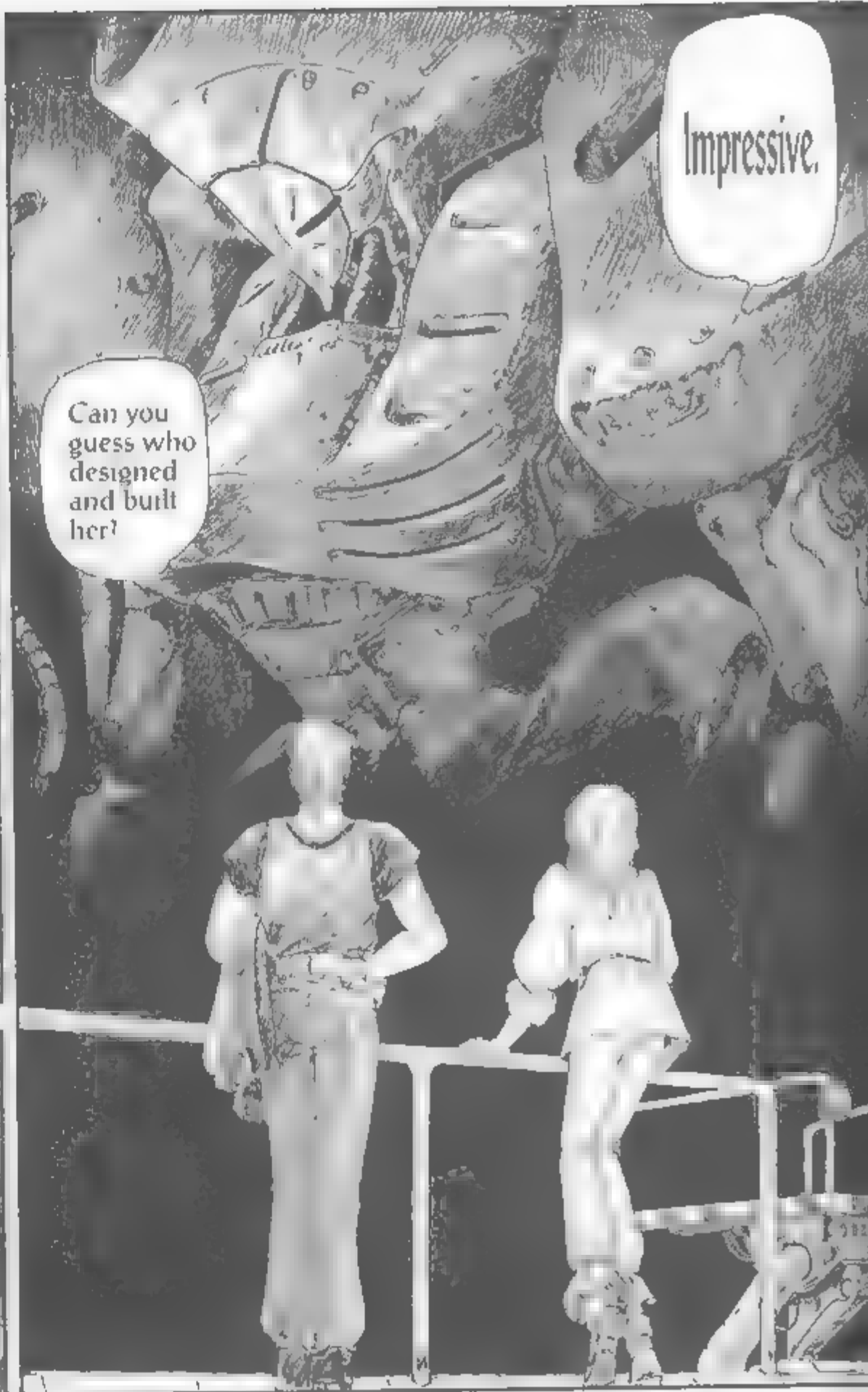
Be my guest

Let me take a
CANNET
DUCK



Made in 2417
This baby's been
around. And it
has Zebee
Corter's colors.

A Brandzi!
Looks to me
like a Kallamity
outer shell.



Impressive.

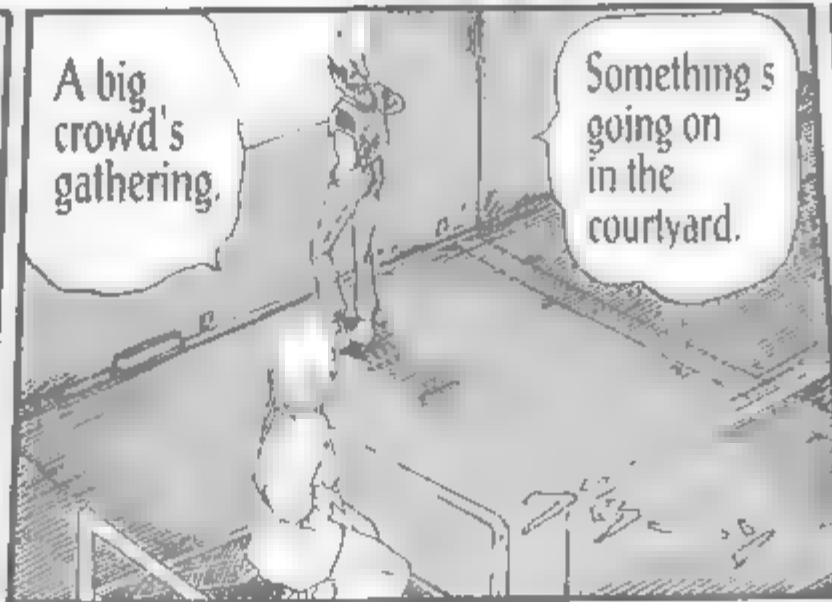
Can you
guess who
designed
and built
her?



You know
your mortar-
headds,
Sopp.



!!



A big
crowd's
gathering.

Something's
going on
in the
courtyard.



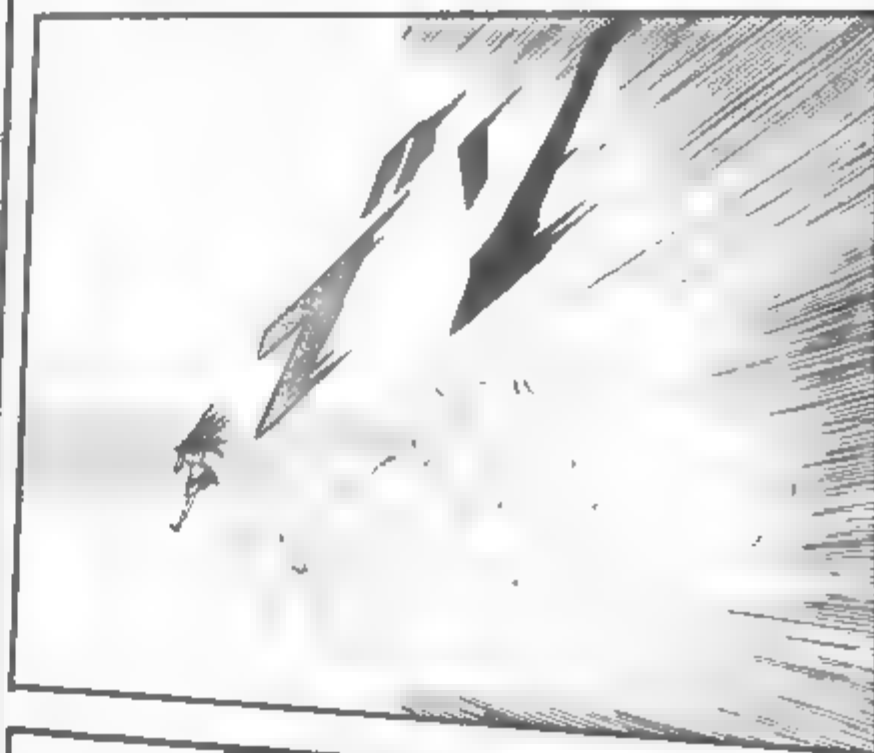
What
was
that?





Fatima
on the
run!

Everybody
out! On
the double!



Hey,
Sopp!
Where
you
goin'!?

A fatima
escaping?
That's a
new one!



To be continued....

IC 3230 America requests the countries of Latin America to join the AAD, but knowing he led to the future of Latin America, which boasts the planet's longest and most illustrious history they ignore the request.

IC 3234 Amaterasu receives military provision of
kashira's soldiers but is in with some
resistance by a unrepentant force that
thinks of itself as military force in
action procedures.

IC 3238 The Atlantic knightfish, *Belontiichthys lineatus*, is a member of the family Belontiidae, which is now regarded as a

[illegible]

R 3330 The $\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{A})$ of $\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{A})$ - \mathbf{A} is a subalgebra of \mathbf{A} considered in §5.4.5.5. $\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{A})$ is a subalgebra of \mathbf{A} if and only if $\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{A})$ is a subalgebra of \mathbf{A} and $\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{A})$ is a subalgebra of \mathbf{A} where \mathbf{A} is a subalgebra of \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{A} is a subalgebra of \mathbf{A} .

IC 3333 Amplifier output section. In order to
 An 3-panel amplifier section is required
 for the circuit.

IC 3745 Page 11 of 12 <http://www.kva.se>

IC 3400 Admit I should read the book as well as the
3900 resource carefully.
The book is for knowledge begins
the work program to improve the country's
All are led by the B&B because the
the economy will be greatly benefited by
the M&B the and the domestic assistance
the economic growth and the country's efforts

IC 5910 The eighth edition of the *Arctic Flora* is a
guide to the *Arctic Flora* is a guide to
the *Arctic Flora*.

IC 1952 A water gun reaches its last expedition, a
mission and heads to the Antarctic
dispatched to the Antarctic
Antarctic

[illegible]

Crataegus, Sydnip, and Lycopodium Knight
while type 1 escape
Anatase establishes the Union of 100 active
Knight
Anatase to 1000 with 1000 Knight
1000 Knight 1000 Knight

IC 3967 *Amelanchier canadensis* L. in southern Italy, this
cat is only reported from a small area created by
Dr. Balaniche and others in the region. At the
same time, the region and the other Italian
Knights of the Order of St. John.

IC 3968 Empress hawks a climber to the ceiling
dynasty's Adeline family gives birth to
Diana then dies the word "Adeline" a
learned escape

IC 399h: Another and becomes deeply concerned as time passes and puts her to sleep. Finally All is convinced a way exists to take her to nanoworld. I.R.M. tries to harness the forces very rapidly and the head of the robot is so concerned in a galaxy controlled by a small expressive and expanding the number of that he is so sure in the new science and superannated and he is.

They go on this in the way of a good is again of her.

[illegible]

IC 1050 When Mosler meets us at the White House for the first time, he is not at all in a hurry.

IC 4001 At the same time, the agency is expected to
 carry out a study to determine whether it is
 possible to determine the extent of the
 problem by a study of the records.

IC 4002 (this book is a ring for control and the money
may be a reference to the descendants of
the 18th century generation of the 18th century)

PC 4075 [redacted] and [redacted] discovered that [redacted] was not working

IC 4076 2005 10/10/05 10/10/05 10/10/05

IC 4080 was broken out of her [redacted] house at
[redacted] Lakeside apartment building in Amesbury,
Massachusetts, as to the confined

IC 4092 An ~~amalgam~~ metal dental amalgam consisting
of a silver alloy and mercury.

KC 4088 heads, necks and shoulders were now seen in line
 moving on the sandy beach to the shore.

IC 4090 Colossus built with Alterra's excellent ANJ boxes including hardware by an HP dragon who, like the Uplink, has never really uses either of the standard outputs. The center of the ANJ out Armada releases to stop.

JC 4093 [View work on Flickr](#)

IC 4100 The following female has given up the AKO
is destroyed to the destruction and repair of
the other side of the road to the actual level
has no way to the way
The behavior is not a sign of the quality of the
the other side of the road

Amaterasu returns to Uchisai no Enryū as the sweet he received from Uchisai no Enryū. Uchisai no Enryū is the one who sent the Uchisai no Enryū. The Uchisai no Enryū gave the planet a name with the Astral Knights. The Astral Knights of Uchisai no Enryū.

IC 4101 shows N7 located the Galaxy

IC 4103 6005 N. MARTIN DEL PUERTO

KC 4255 was \ passes away at the age of 295

R 4300 The mother reads gradually and
dispassion. The head-ers also gradually
disappear, so that they then all pass with her
into the room.
The effect of war and destruction goes on as the
war continues. Its expression towards the
present.

[The Era of the The Will Galaxy]*

IC 5899 On an unknown plane. In Knight of Exiles transformed into a meteor to defend crises

IC 0599 Thebes awakens and with the King of old
runs a speck wet with mother cryation. In
the little meadow of the busy of energy
the King of old awakens and with the King of old
runs a speck wet with mother cryation.

IC 6787 In one planetary wariness unable to
 elude the knight of chivalry
 accomplice in battle
 cycles we pour out our hearts to you
 and

IC 6800 Amate use the US in All the world the
know the state of the world

JC 6850 A note on the schists east on the own
they had a different exposure and the new
one is species and the terms

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IC 7481 Aromatic solvers w/ the Obese
 Attachment w/ a series of 100 in a memory
 of people for the future

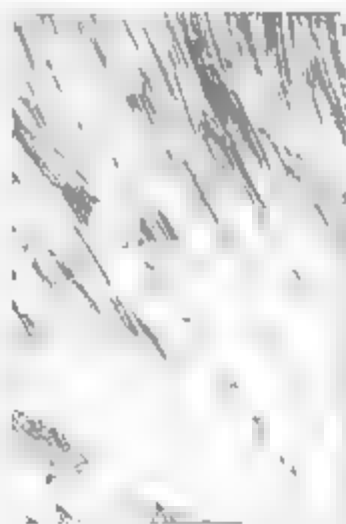
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 returns to the Bar. So she is a sheep

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ke'to^h -sho^h.

IC 7563 1. Chesapeake Bay - the tide
 was very low - the ship was
 in the water - the water was
 very shallow - the ship was
 in the water - the water was
 very shallow - the ship was

IC 7777 James Lee Amos said he would like to be
in the front row of the choir.
They had a daughter called Ann (the human
sonnet was a 10 syllable poem) he said often

Special Effects



ゴオオオオオ
GOOOOUUUU
(Huuuuuuuu)

ズー

ズーン
DZUUN
(Broom, Wump)



ド
ドォーン、ドォーン
DOOI II IN
(Baarooouum)



カタカタ
KAHIAH KAHIAH
(Clank Clank)

シューウシューウ
SHYUU SHYUU
(Ssshssss)



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KYUUN KYUUN
(Rrrrhauum)

コツ
KOTSU
(Clunk)



キンッ
KEENT
(Dweee)

ドォーン、ドォーン
DOOI II IN
(Baarooouum)



ガヤガヤ
GAHYA-GAHYA
(Bubble-bubble)



ワイワイ
WAI-WAI

チン チン チン

チンチン
CHIN CHIN
(Tink, Tink)

ギッギッギッ

ギチッギチッ
GICHI IT GICHI IT
(Skreee)

ドン
DOIN (Doom Wham)

ドンッ
DOINT (Wump)



ピーピー
PEE PEE
(Beep, Bleep)

ピピピッピッ
PEE PEE PIP-PIP
(Beep Bleep)

チチチチ
CHI CHI CHI-CHI
(Zil)



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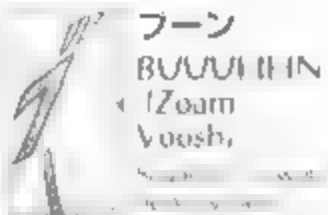


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(Squeak Skreel)



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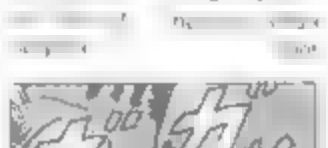
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(Rupp)



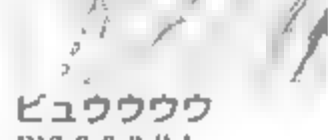
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(Eek)



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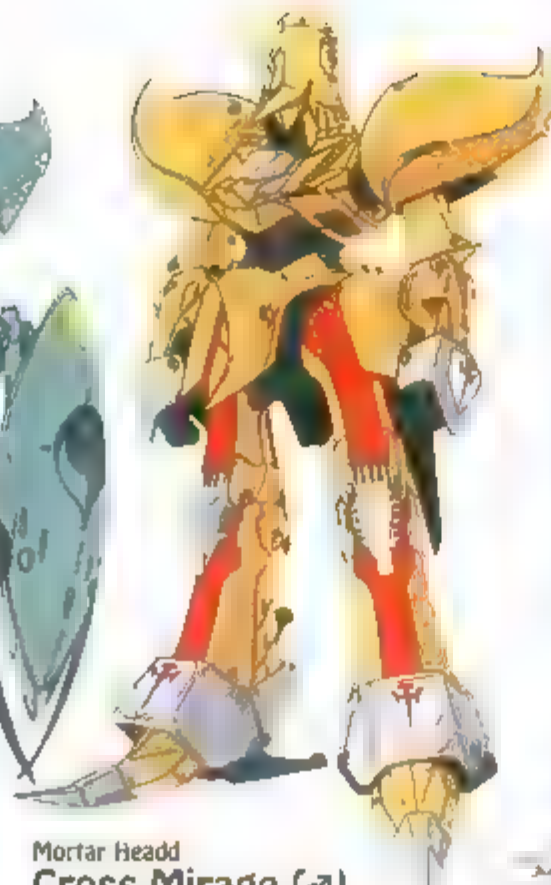


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BYUUUUN
(Woooo)

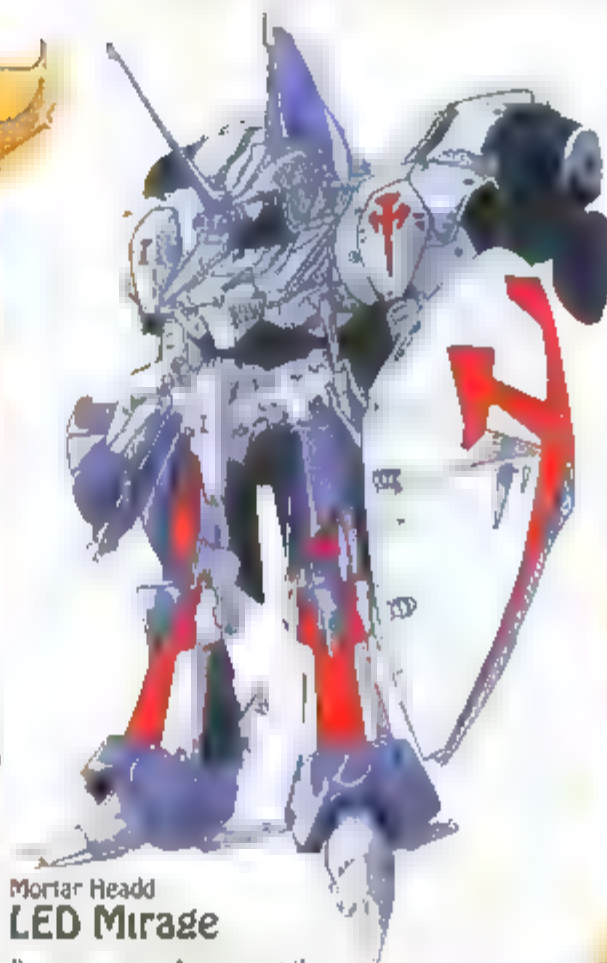
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**Mortar Headd
Cross Mirage (♀)**
The most efficient Mirage machine
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**Mortar Headd
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C-type Mirage. High weight
multipurpose M.U. for the personal
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reconnaissance and forward
observation in the H.M.C. ofensive



**Mortar Headd
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B-type Mirage. Also called the
Red Mirage. The Galaxy's
most powerful M.U. a force of
just 10 models was sufficient
to conquer the Joker Galaxy



**Mortar Headd
The Knight of Gold Lachesis**
D-type Mirage. Piloted by Amaterasu and
Lachesis. Star M.U. of *The Five Star Stories*. Also
known as KOC Lachesis



**Mortar Headd
The Knight of Gold AT**
D2-type Mirage. The successor to KOC Lachesis
after her death. Also known as KOC AT



**Mortar Headd
Jagd Mirage**
E-type monster Mirage standing some 50 meters at the
shoulders, and when equipped with a Buster Launcher rises
to a towering 200 meters. Two models exist: the Green
J1 Model, and the Orange Right-K Model



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G-type Mirage. specializing in covert operations

The Joker Galaxy's Other Top Class Mortar Headds

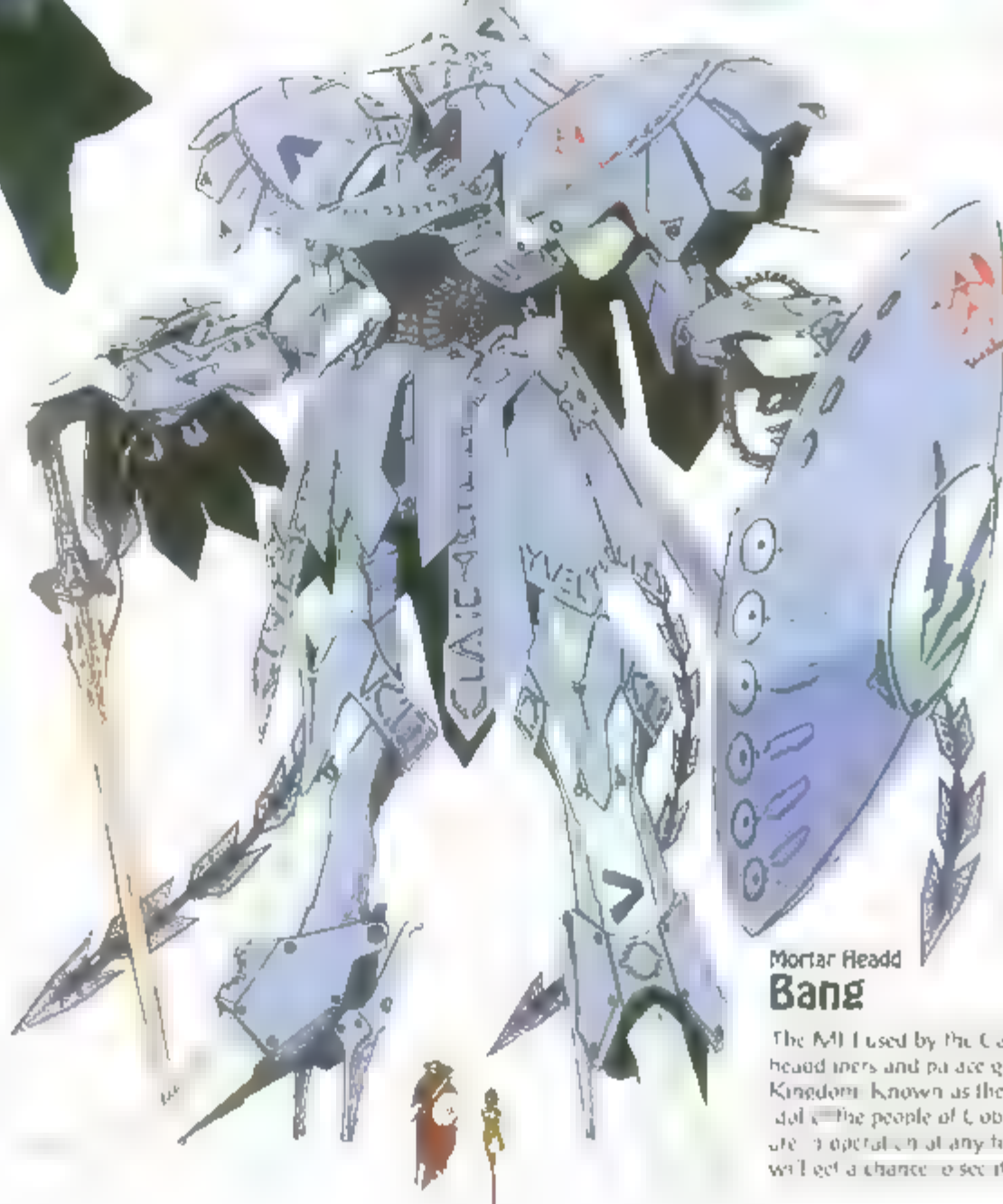
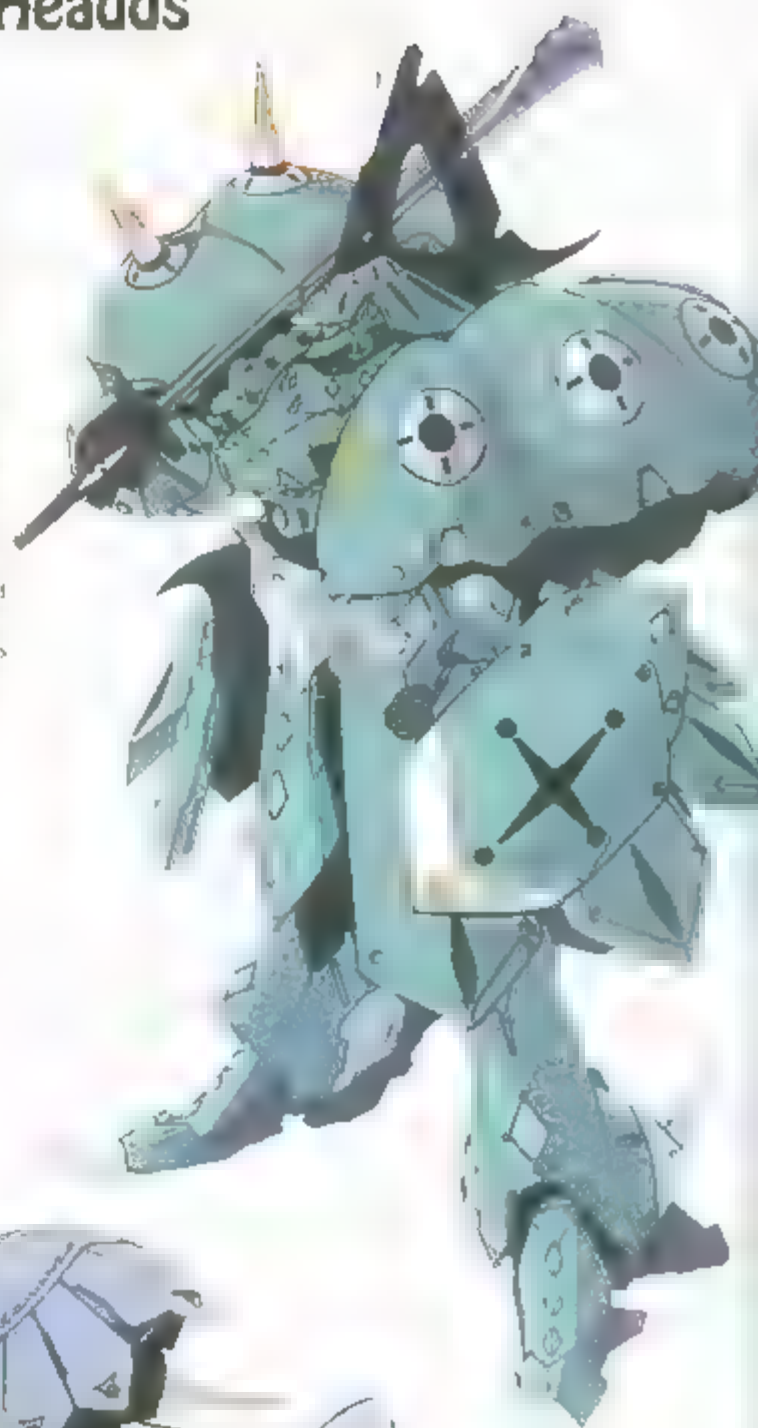


**Mortar Headd
A-TOLL**

The fiercest of the United Halthutha Republic, and boasting the heaviest chassis of all the A-TOLLs. This one-eyed concept of an A-TOLL has been reproduced in many variations by the Galaxy's temple knight Cossacks over 100 models have been produced by different orders of the order knight societies around the Halthutha Union. Designed by legendary A-TOLL master Zebec, the A-TOLL's reputation is top class A-TOLL for over 100 years.

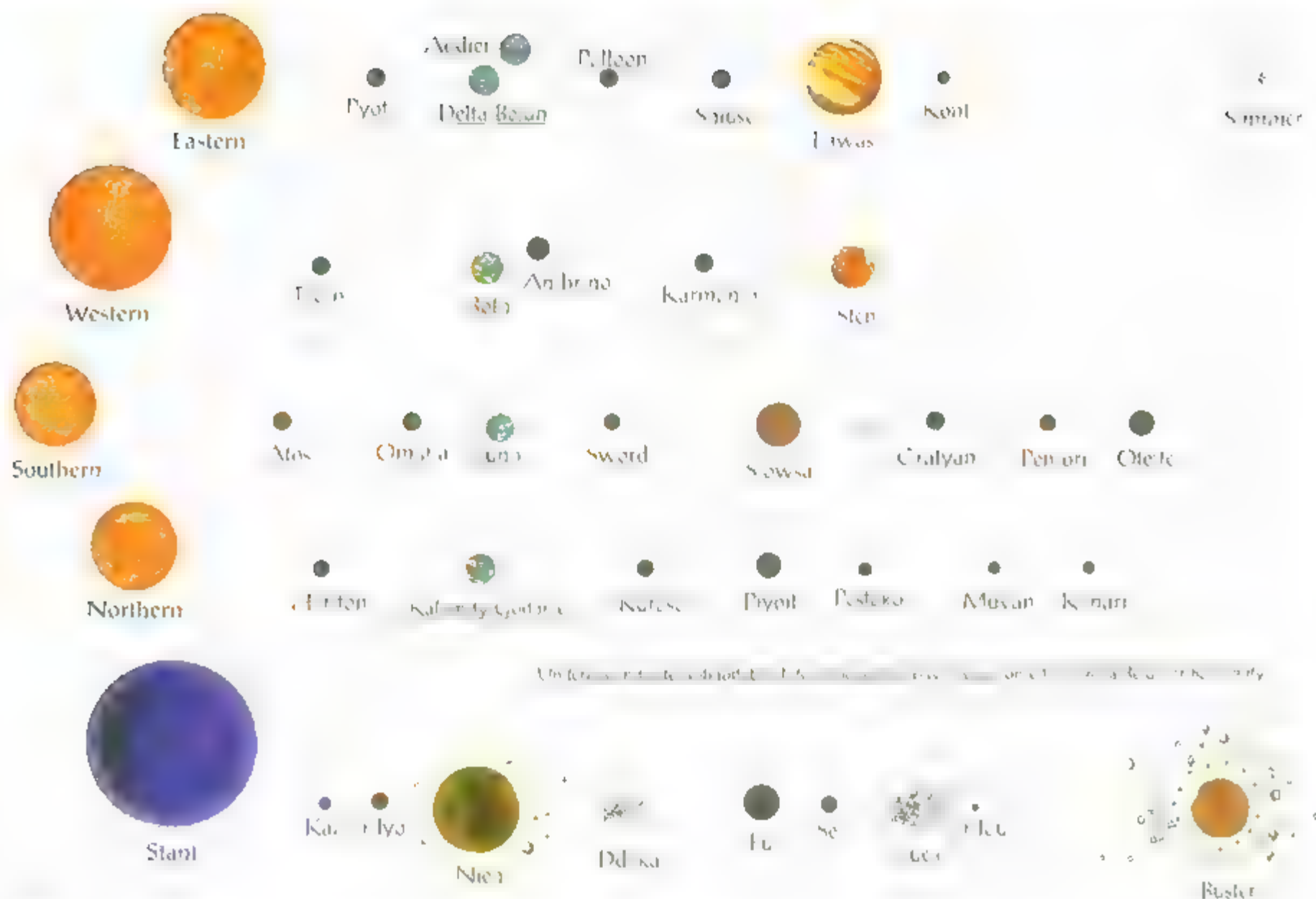
**Mortar Headd
Siren**

The leading A-TOLL of the Halthutha Empire, used mainly by the Temple Knight's Knecht Syndicate. There are 15 types ranging from A-TOLL each with only slight differences in other performance and appearance. Unlike the Sirens, which are typed like the A-TOLLs, the A-TOLL knights that are completely different designs. One exception is the real armored A-TOLL Siren, which was added Part 1. It was designed to be the most common A-TOLL in the Siren fleet, which had been never, but is under the direct control of the Emperor.



**Mortar Headd
Bang**

The A-TOLL used by the Caravan Knights, the leading headliners and palace guards of the Holy Cobal Kingdom, known as the Yrupting Yuppet. Bang is the A-TOLL of the people of Cobal. Since only 2 to 7 models are in operation at any time, it is rarely seen, but you will get a chance to see it in action later on.



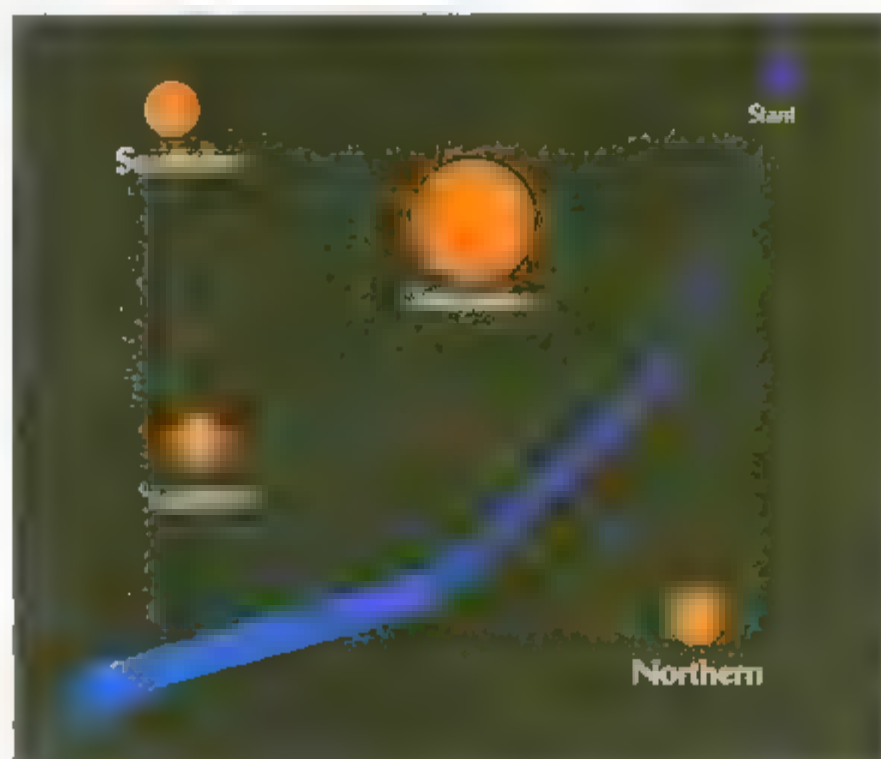
Stant

A mysterious galaxy of a system with an credit of 500 years started to be known as the galaxy in the 10th century. The galaxy is called the Galaxy. Despite receiving a large amount of energy from many stars, Stant does not appear to be visible, but rather attract violet rays that cannot be detected by the human eye. Invisible as it may be, the heat released by Stant is 100 times that of the Earth's sun. When an alien war began, Stant's light would probably break out.

A soft and lovely fluorescent purple tone. The moon on the outer edge of Stant, Ruler, is completely unknown to the Galaxy's scientists, due to the loss of records concerning its goings. It is said that only the person who succeeds in conquering the whole lower Galaxy will be able to discover Stant's true character.

Other Planets

The other planets in the planets of the lower Galaxy do not make up the scene of the Five Star Stories, but during that time they were important sources of raw materials and were used as sites of factories and mines. However, too dangerous to place on the coast of the black planets. Therefore, even though they were not planets, some of the human beings in the lower Galaxy were temporarily stationed on them from time to time for military and economic purposes.



Earthlings Jokerians

0 - 3	0 - 5
3 - 7	5 - 20
7 - 12	20 - 40
12 - 20	40 - 90
20 - 30	90 - 150
30 - 40	150 - 180
40 - 50	180 - 230
50 - 60	230 - 280
60 -	280 -

Age Comparison of Earthlings and Jokerians in years of age.

Chart of the Joker Galaxy

Eastern Solar System Delta Belun

A planet of green continents and blue sea with a very long history and possibly where human life originated in the Galaxy.

Its northern hemisphere is home to the kingdom of Grees, the planet's most powerful state ruled by the main character of our story, Amaterasu.

The climate of Delta Belun is similar to the temperate coolness of Hokkaido and Europe, with temperatures at its equator no higher than those of Okinawa or Hawaii. For this reason, a vast land mass of desolation extends over its polar cap.

Eastern Solar System Addler

A planet that on the chart looks like a moon of Delta Belun, but is in fact a smaller planet on an orbit a fraction closer to the sun. For this reason, Addler's climate is extremely dry and was made suitable for human habitation only after a terrestrial reclamation project of huge proportions.

Its historical development is thus much younger than that of Delta Belun, characterized by a freer, if not a times chaotic atmosphere of many ethnic groups and mostly autonomous regional unions and republics.

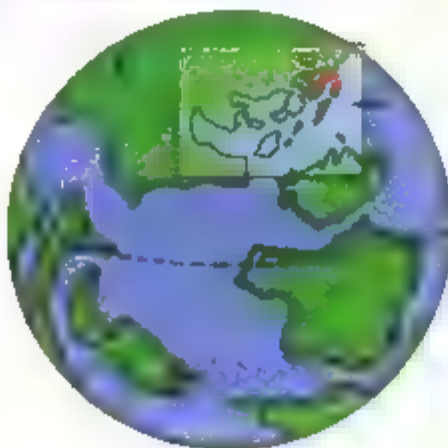
Western Solar System Both

Similar to Addler in climate, Both is dominated by savanna and steppe ecosystems. Originally the home of a completely different life form, the advance of humans onto the planet since antiquity has driven that form to the verge of extinction.

Kastenpo on the continent of Gnann is a region outside of human control ruled by a five-headed dragon.

The one country that attempted to invade and conquer Kastenpo was completely vanquished before this monster. The science and technology of the Joker Galaxy is pervasive to his realm, making it the true ruler of the planet, allowing humans to reside here and there around the Kastenpo region.

Continent of Eydas



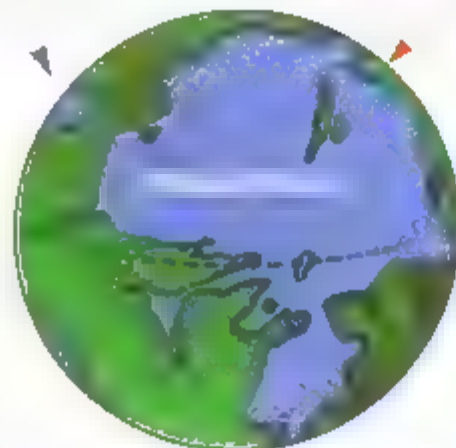
Kingdom of Grees

Amaterasu's sphere of influence

Continent of Rondo

Colus Dynasty's sphere of influence

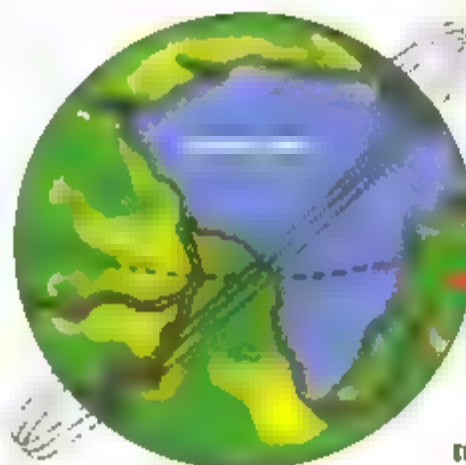
West Sea



Trun Union

Fillmore Empire

Solar Light Amplifier



Satellite Factory

Hathuhunt Republics

Illuminated 100-Lane Megahighway

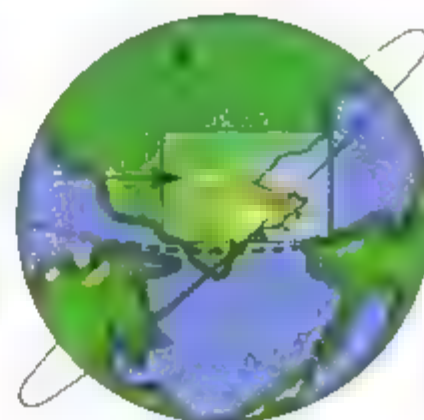
Lights of factory complexes



Southern Solar System Jüno

A planet colonized by humans without first having to terraformize it. It is a young planet of Mesozoic age in Earth terms, with active volcanoes and other movements in its crust. A Joker version of Jurassic Park, Jüno is close to tropical in climate, covered by rain forest and marshland, and has managed to maintain a remarkable balance between the indigenous and colonial ecosystems.

Colus Dynasty Kingdoms



Southern Solar System Kallamity Godarce

It has also been argued that this planet is the Galaxy's oldest and the place where human life originated.

This fact cannot be confirmed due to a pre-Joker millennium war that destroyed all vestiges of information on the culture of that time. The very old age of the planet is exemplified by the absence of steep mountain ranges; its climate is relatively cold, with temperatures at its equator not exceeding those of autumn in Japan.

Therefore, it has become necessary for an energy satellite to be located at the polar cap to radiate heat and raise the temperature of the planet's crust.

Northern Solar System Péstako*

Despite its distance far from the sun, this planet is able to maintain human life due to its neighboring planet Piyot, which acts as a small sun, and the large-scale terrestrial reclamation projects that have enabled its residents to live in an atmosphere filled with poisonous gases and mainly engage in mining natural resources for use on Kallamity.

*The name Péstako is a play on the word "pest" and "toxic".

POSTSCRIPT

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They are the most successful characters in *F55*, real-life multimillionaires who are full of energy, who could do with the need of our tale. And even as we move from the scene of justice towards the courts, they slowly turn their backs on the court, towards the court person with no evidence, no law, no justice, no mercy.

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 1955

For example, if a person is wearing a device that monitors his or her breathing, the device can capture a changing amount of air, can measure changes in pressure, and assesses elements of both physically and spatially. Even if a person is not wearing a device, the body can be used to capture and reduce the amount of air that is in the lungs.

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And please, strive to leave the library with the words: "My work is done here." It takes tens of thousands of people one 20th-century reads with a look at the universe. First, I look at the expertise that the world has to offer. I look at the world is probably his—deserving what even he used I don't get it until he's read. And so he hears new place, there's conflict and many things who are in species is. And so, a M. treve, a socialist sex—dancing, it is a No. Who knows, for he then, he is.

her hair's technique, and she never notices not having an effect
 like a creature. But when a number of weeks scroll with the
 only a small lot of creatures behind, she becomes America's poster
 sex symbol, and the nation's first wife. She's able to see the world
 as it is. But she can't see the energy that's in the three children
 she's adding over time. She is the one who notices as America's
 first birth sign, and a device she wants to know. It's a year
 she in. And so she's spent a little time in the present time zone of
 her travels in the past and future. When she returns, the parents of
 her only child, Rose. Both are. And no sign exist. The three solar
 systems exist in a them have the separated. Only the planet's
 and is prime. And even. An estimate of 10 or 20 years have passed. She
 she departed. All she knows is that she wants to be reunited with her master
 again. But nevertheless she ends up being the one who witnesses the end
 of the world. The states that have been seen. As for her will be seen in
 detail later on the way.

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which is not the source of these feelings common to all women
appears in 1955. After each a new and fine Chinese girl was born
and the husband could be assured respect in the family and
some kind of quiet recognition. I don't know how many years we can
keep this secret. I don't think it seems certain as with a good
machine gun which is a good lot of it. I don't know. I guess Chinese
look forward to some good things may be seen in the future. You said
the future is dark. Well, I don't.

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[Handwritten signature]

There is only one, rather forceful, catch to our "anything goes" jamboree format, and that is the Chronology, which lets the reader know the final outcome

...st of *The Five Star Stories* is now before you and would like
 to tell you a little more about this part of the way through what
 may be one of my most serious and with a multitude of assorted uses and
 abuses.

Woolf's lack of knowledge in literary criticism, that and the other aspects of her own more background information to understand the better what's happening. The setting is basically background, the enormous amount of characters and the personal historic aspects about the world make the information structure. I am not sure with all these aspects would be helpful if not necessary to know and enjoy the episodes present. The series we have ahead of us in under description section of the beginning of the series with a novel introduction of the book, galaxy and what some of the geography has been covered. But there is much more information than a very experienced reader could have supplied, but what's a 9-year-old reader to do? We assume everybody already knows all that stuff, so I am not sure the history comes from the 1st episode.

The *Five Star Stories* has been built around many diverse themes like
 together if my enemy could I taking a them in terms of men and so
 and the same themes of life and history and man and his life and
 and the theme of the chronology we have the. Or, some of the
 and the other is necessary to personally and to the characters. The
 and the same. Let me expand a little more on this later. I will expand
 and the fact used to explain the mechanism of the many in many
 of the same in 1955.

systems — I don't know what would it look like if it were sound by now
but I think I have got to try and get things work by the way of the
few years of every sophisticated assembly of defined components. There
would be a lot of revealing or turning components and the anatomy
looks as required to see in a case and the things are assembled and
used under the an exterior. Such in images very good from which
are the low or a robot's number on paper like use here is no need to
readily come off to now or to be moved.

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computers ke FAX or ZIP have already been wente by someone else and I'm not putting my copy at all that matter I have to be different I don't drive a Porsche I don't get on my or those even na cte symbols and I'm not into Kahlil Gibran's either So what I've done I think you say No no go to C:\src\c\bin\386\I-386\GROSS\T-C\money.NL.R.W... a k uckle... I've gone one it case and I have it up exactly as you know it

This is the process by which a computer will be used as a handheld computer. Not a lot of people are cybernetic and fashionable. I decided to create as many as I possibly could, and avoid making being cybernetic a dirty word. I called it a "Cybernetic" and called it a "Cybernetic" to avoid any confusion with the word "Cybernetic" in Portuguese. I decided to use a "Cybernetic" as a medium level.

Leaving aside the two teen characters, Asterisk and Lucius, for the moment, *The Fox Star Stories* is set in a world where anything goes. The characters and clones, mutants and ISFs. Time is disconnected. A series of novel secondary systems, including the Cyber-Carney. You will see cyber-sims, monsters, Earth will make an appearance with more and more layers growing on the outskirts of Berlin. We've got artificial humans, or in my mind more broadly called the remnant of God, mega-headliners, super humans, times and ghosts. Anything freely through the skies, and in the end the God Machine takes center stage. It's a world to be explored, a place where boys and girls. Naturally, some, but not all, say, as a consequence of a world where one can change in which case is true, the joys, to low future episodes. For example, Arthur is only some, as in perfect, and that's what we've made him a companion.

There's very much to be detected either in our anything goes, timeless *carne* or, but is the commentary which lets the reader know the final outcome no matter what may happen between and whether or not it should come to draw it back and close. It's as if no is added under sea. Kake only explodes. It's as if it's off into the heater. An altering to answer the *carney* to *car* as if my reports of late space, which observes the final destruction of the *carney* on a last day only to be timeless yet. ¹⁷⁷⁷

So, there were written down in chronological order a chain unbroken of the events making up the life of Shu Shun. We already know, for example, who gave birth to the Japanese mythology of the Amaterasu and why she appeared to the heavens, etc., etc., and we already know about the other things Shu Shun has to do. Moreover, we know when and where Nippon was, etc., and Aomori, I think. But what we don't know is precisely the processes through which all these events occurred. It is a well-known fact enclosed by time and if you read /SS under a similar lesson plan, I should become more and more convinced of not protesting.

Let us look a little closer at the ISS world. Works of science fiction usually present their characters in settings based on some actual or imagined condition existing on Earth. Even before ISS I had doubts about what happens when you "step outside." I should mention at this point that I am completely unaffected in my views by the rise of strong religious voices in sci-fi. Therefore I have never intended to write tales that try to criticize any specific set of political ideas, and the same thing goes for ISS. A writer, whether of or on any other form of ideology, is seen to say where. This has resulted in the complete absence of both racial discrimination and religious conflict in the token Galaxy Wars are waged there with the sole intent of conquering new territory and the exclusive forces of the exodus movement itself.

I have, however, listed countries in the category that do resemble these in Earth. For example, Kazakhstan's climate (more European) has existed in other

The Five Star Stories I

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Stop! You are Going the Wrong Way!

Yes, you would be going the right way—left at that!—if this were an American comic. But this is a Japanese comic, so it begins like comics do in Japan, back around on the other side. We apologize for any inconvenience, and for those of you who refuse to forgive us, we suggest that you turn it upside and read it, since the bookstore probably will not give you a refund. "What seems to be the problem?"

The damn thing's been printed backwards. I want my money back. No way.

Also, the special effects—the crash-boom-bangs and hums and haws—have been left in the original Japanese because the author, Mamoru Nagano, drew them by hand as part of the illustration. The action rather than the dialogue. Redrawing them in English equivalents would be next to impossible. But don't start stomping up for Japanese comics just yet. First check out the English guide to most of these effects beginning on page 75. Here's some background information that may be helpful when using the guide. Japanese writing comes in four forms: "kane" or Chinese characters, the "katakana" alphabet written in two different scripts, and roman letters. Sorry about that. The special effects are usually written in the more abbreviated stylized "katakana" script. With the exception of roman letters, Japanese comic dialogue is usually printed vertically, but the special effects will appear horizontally or slanted so that you can read it. (In English, because Japanese is sometimes printed in that way as well, for example, news and newspaper columns are printed vertically, but there are many magazines that are printed horizontally and open from the left out, due to the experience of those who read the pro-English edition of *FSS* we prepared about a year ago, getting used to the right-to-left form was for the most part quick and painless.)

As mentioned above, *The Five Star Stories* first appeared in the magazine *New Type*, published by Kadokawa, in 1986 and continues as a series today. Along up along the way some 7 paperback volumes as of September 1998. The content of each English volume is about one third of one of these paperbacks, and will be published incrementally from now until the summer

of 2003. Some of you may think this to be too long—time to wait—but when you compare this four-year period to the over 15 years that Japanese readers have had to wait, you're really getting quite a deal.

When I first suggested to the author that an English version be published, he cited only one condition before assenting, that it be published up and that I had scene which is yet to be drawn. This is also my hope, but as you all know, there is no guarantee that top quality comics in this world, of which *FSS* has been rated will always sell successfully. In any case, we intend to publish this series as planned with no funny business. In the hope that trusting and understanding readers will get interested in story as it unfolds in the English format. We feel that an honest, straightforward approach is the only way for *FSS* to succeed in the world of English language comics. It's a long time out, believe me, it's well worth the ride.

Now for the acknowledgments. Let's see.

First, I would like to express my gratitude to Tomohige Okizaki of Kinokuniya Bookstores of America for agreeing to market the *FSS* English version, to John Wisnami, of no special affiliation, for handling the translation from the original Japanese, to Shirley Chan and Eiko Otsuori of infinite patience for catching my mistakes, and Den Sady for editing expert suggestions in the back of line. Then there are the many comic fans around the world who read the pilot version and with their vocal suggestions made the publication so much better in its appearance and content for the maximum enjoyment of our precious paying customers. And last but not least, I would like to thank the editor and my business partner here at Toys Press, Mamoru Nagano, for lending his full support to this publication project. Oh yeah, I almost forgot the most important one. Thank you all for your patronage, and welcome to the world of *The Five Star Stories*. Stick around, it's going to be an

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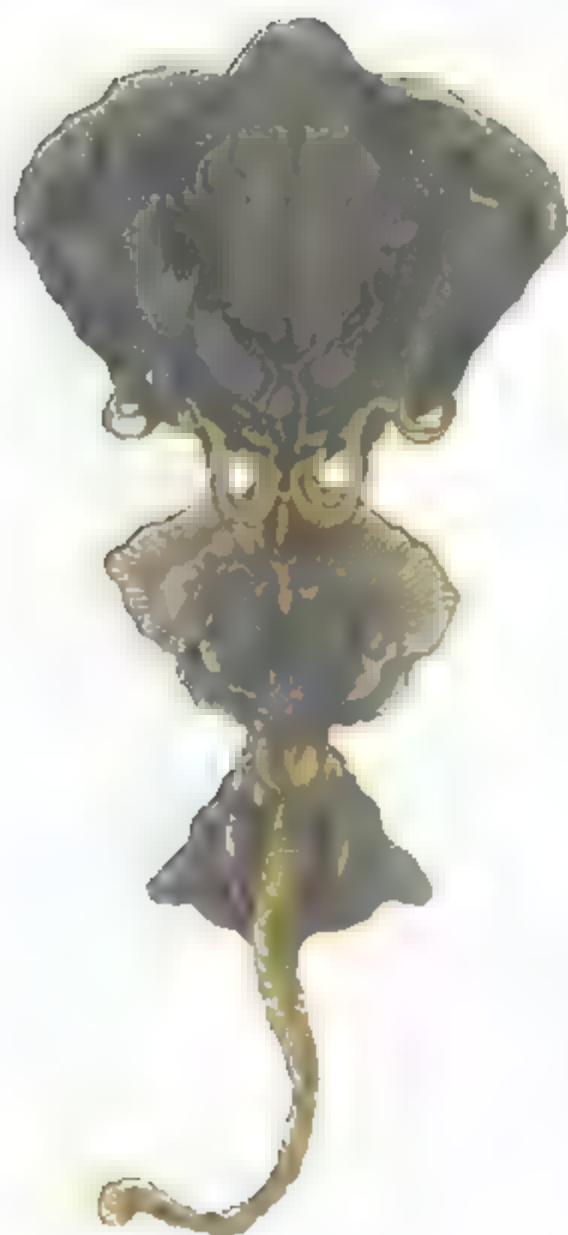
The Five Star Stories[®] II



*I*t is the year of Joker JC 2988.
Dr. Chrome Ballanche has just completed the work of creating what will be his last two masterpiece fatima life forms, Lachesis and Clotho. In order to save them from the clutches of upstart local lord, the depraved Jubah Bardaim, he asks his close friend Ladios Sopp to protect the two fatimas and ensure that they find more befitting, nobler masters at their upcoming debut. Prior to the debut, Clotho makes a run for it . . .

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Knight from Kasteelo Decors Weissmel

This is a very interesting character, not only because of his personality, but also because of his appearance. He is a very tall, slender figure, with a long, flowing red cape and a blue tunic. He has a very serious expression, and his eyes are a deep blue. He is a very powerful knight, and he is very loyal to his master. He is a very good fighter, and he is very brave. He is a very good person, and he is very kind. He is a very good friend, and he is very helpful. He is a very good knight, and he is very brave. He is a very good person, and he is very kind. He is a very good friend, and he is very helpful. He is a very good knight, and he is very brave.



Trun Union Knight Voards Viewlard



Fatima Fates Magaella

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Empress of the Colus Dynasty
Elmelah Colus

Elmelah Colus is the Empress of the Colus Dynasty. She is a powerful and influential figure in the Colus Dynasty. She is known for her wisdom and her ability to lead her people. She is also known for her love of art and culture. She is a very popular figure among her subjects.



Emperor of the Colus Dynasty of Jüno
Colus III

Colus III is the Emperor of the Colus Dynasty of Jüno. He is a powerful and influential figure in the Colus Dynasty. He is known for his wisdom and his ability to lead his people. He is also known for his love of art and culture. He is a very popular figure among his subjects.



Queen of Meistner
Lizard Meistner

Lizard Meistner is the Queen of Meistner. She is a powerful and influential figure in the Meistner Dynasty. She is known for her wisdom and her ability to lead her people. She is also known for her love of art and culture. She is a very popular figure among her subjects.

The Mirage Knights

The Mirage Knights are a group of elite knights who serve the Holy Church. They are known for their exceptional combat skills and their ability to create illusions. The knights are trained in the use of magic and are often called upon to protect the church and its interests. They are a highly respected and feared group, and their loyalty is unwavering.



Mirage Knight No. 3
Landwand Spacorn

Landwand Spacorn is a Mirage Knight who is known for his exceptional combat skills and his ability to create illusions. He is a highly respected and feared knight, and his loyalty is unwavering.

Mirage Knight No. 7

Lie Ex

Age: 24
Height: 175cm
Weight: 55kg
Blood Type: A
Element: Fire
Weapon: Sword
Affiliation: Mirage Knights
Status: Active



Mirage Knight No. 3

Poesche Nomien

Age: 22
Height: 165cm
Weight: 45kg
Blood Type: B
Element: Water
Weapon: Sword
Affiliation: Mirage Knights
Status: Active



Mirage Knight No. 17

Nu. Suoad Graphight

Age: 25
Height: 180cm
Weight: 60kg
Blood Type: O
Element: Earth
Weapon: Sword
Affiliation: Mirage Knights
Status: Active

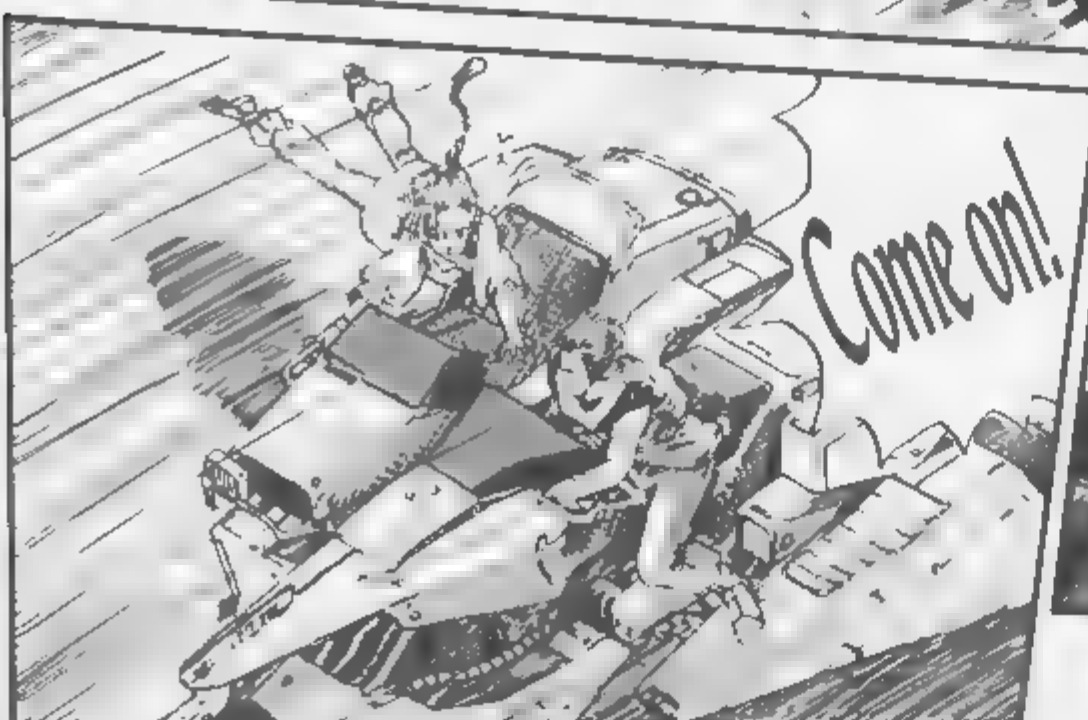
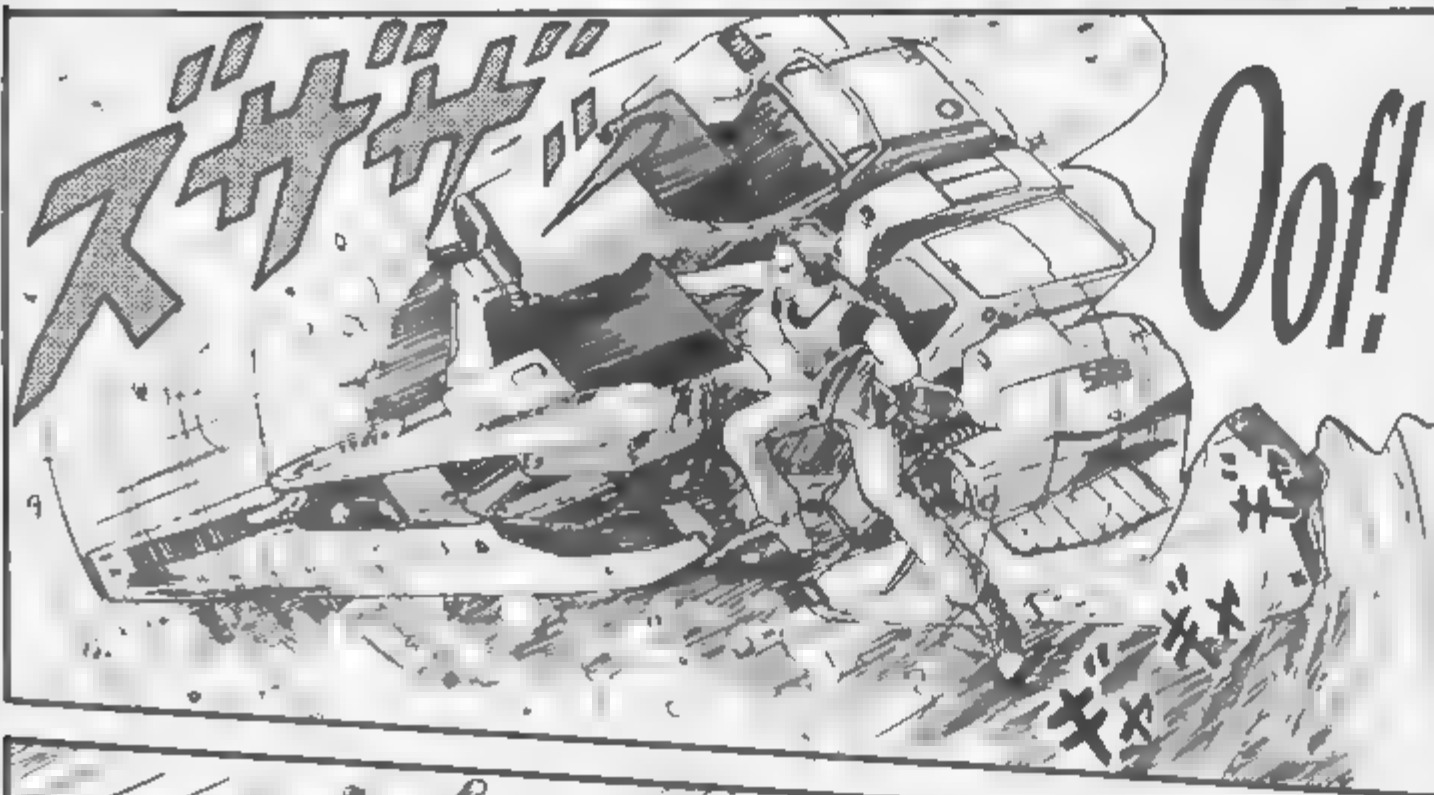
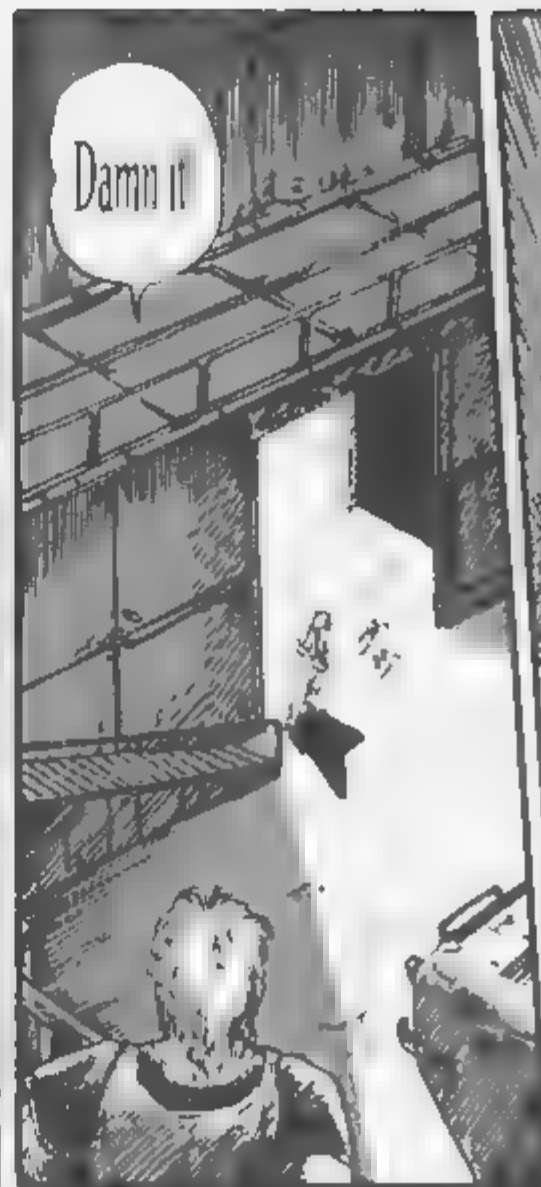
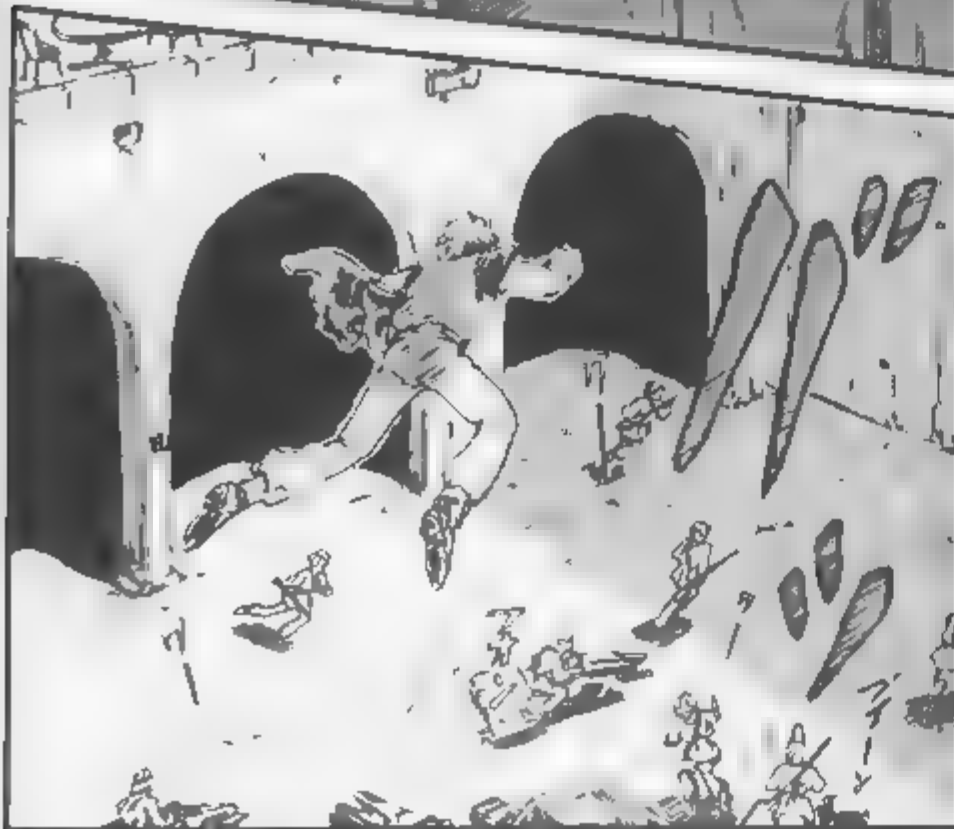
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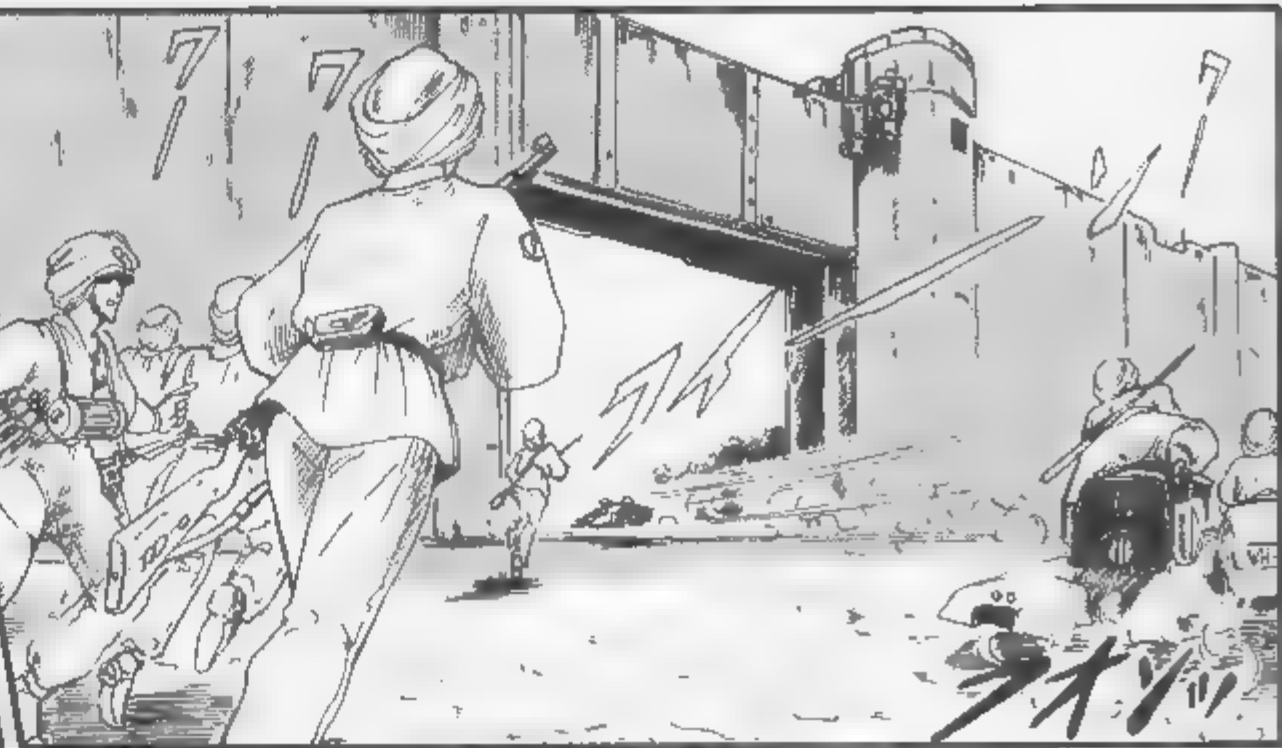
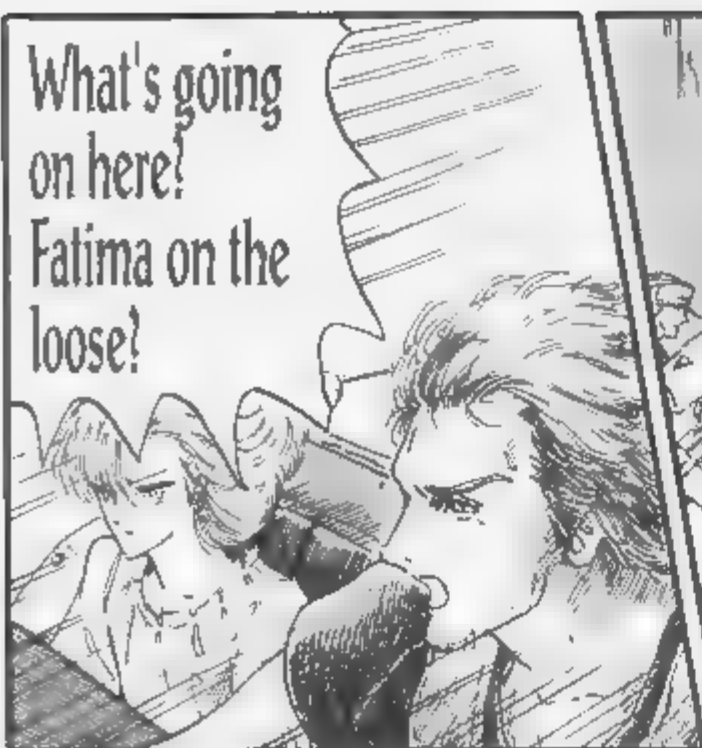
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Don't worry
about me.
After the debut
everyone will
know that we
are not pro-
gram-med for
mind control.

Escape! Now.
This is you're
only chance. Go
to Dr. Morard's
place in Betolca.



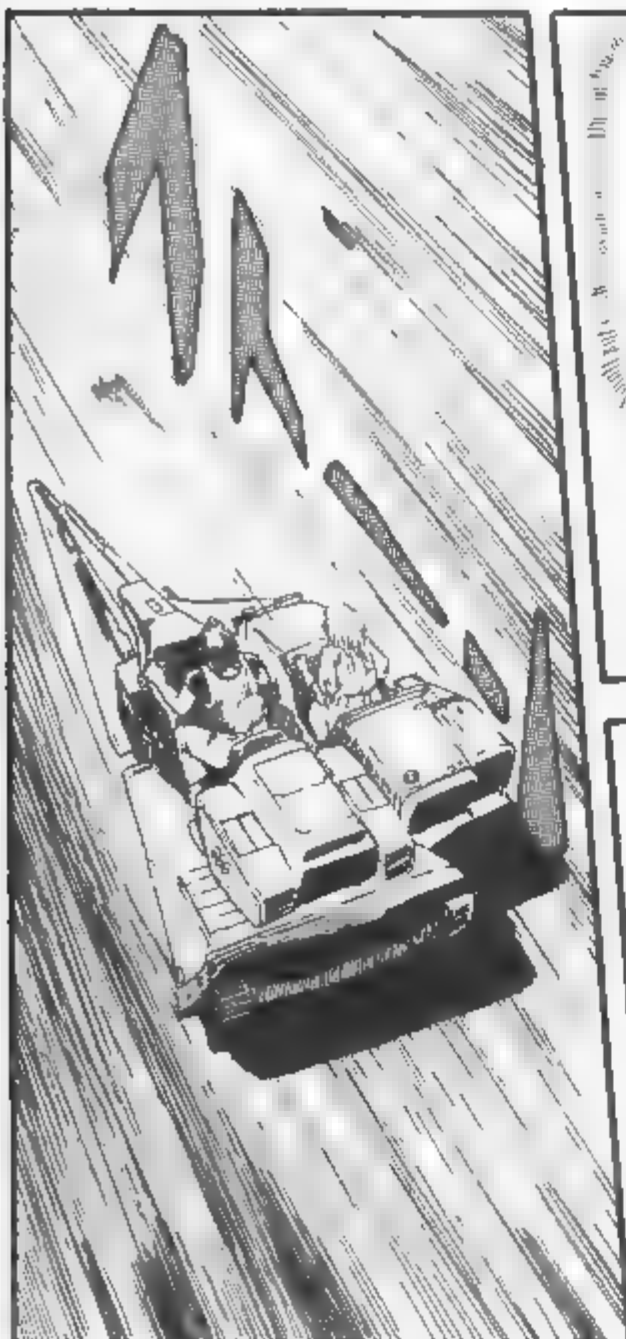
My
Dearest
Clotho,



If I stay, everything
will be all right. But
you have to escape
and find an under-
standing master
for yourself.



Your
loving
sister,
Lachesis.



That's right.

This Clotho. She's got a legitimate reason for running, right?

Let me ask you one question.

Okay. I won't interfere.

Looks like a fatima, unescorted so to speak.

Hey, check that out.

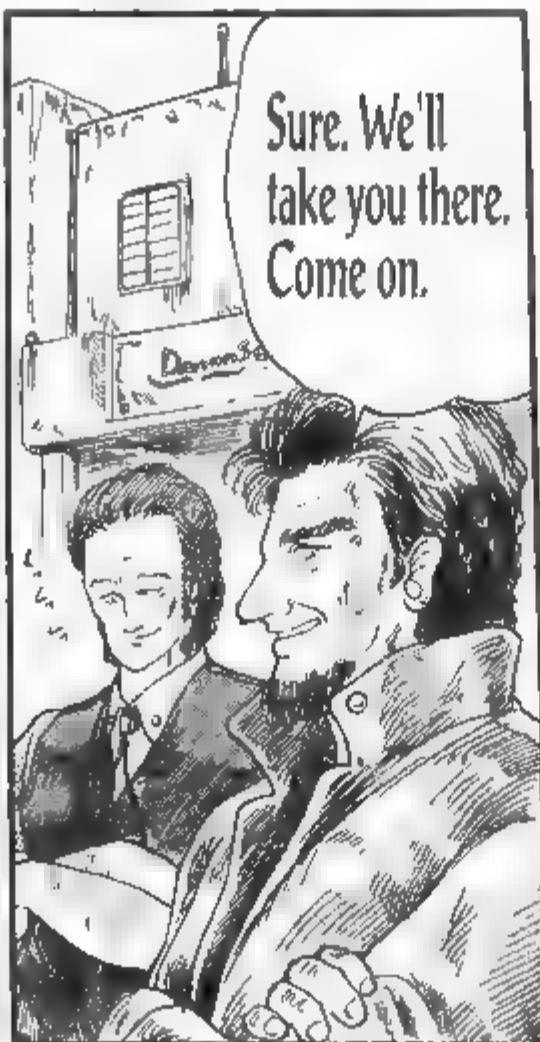
She's come to the right place. What a looker! Shall we escort the young lady to her future master?

There's a debut going on over at the palace. Maybe she's out looking for a master





Hey
doll face!



Sure. We'll
take you there.
Come on.



Where are you
headed? If you're
looking for a
master, honey,
you're in the
wrong place.



I'm looking for
Dr. Morard.
Do you know
where he lives?



Thanks,
Viewlard.

I'll go
this way.



Just as
I thought.
Alone.
No bossman.



Now we're going to play master and fatima.

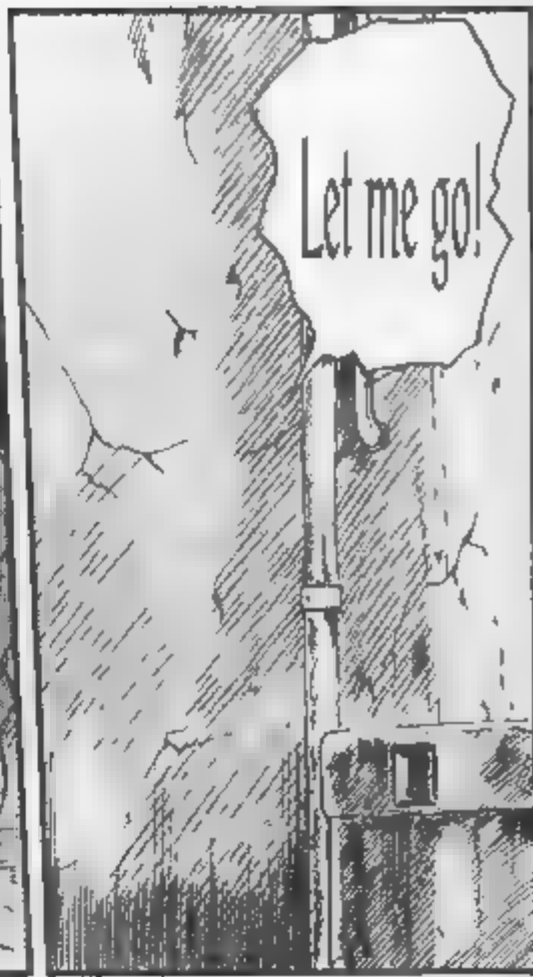


Uh!



Sexy little thing. What are we waitin' for?

For a puppet you're awful uppity.



Let me go!

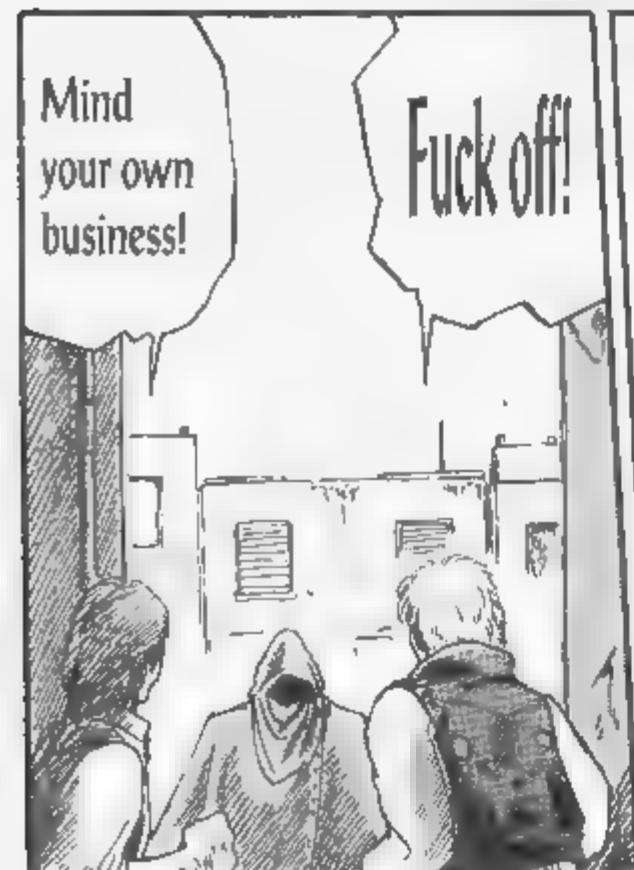


4x!!



Get her clothes off.

Out like a light.



Mind your own business!

Fuck off!



What do you think your doing?





No! Thank you. I'm in your debt.

Was it you who threw that spadd?

She's all right. She just fainted.

Yes, I threw it. I may have overreacted a bit.

Of all the ...!

I found that strange and decided to see what the matter was.

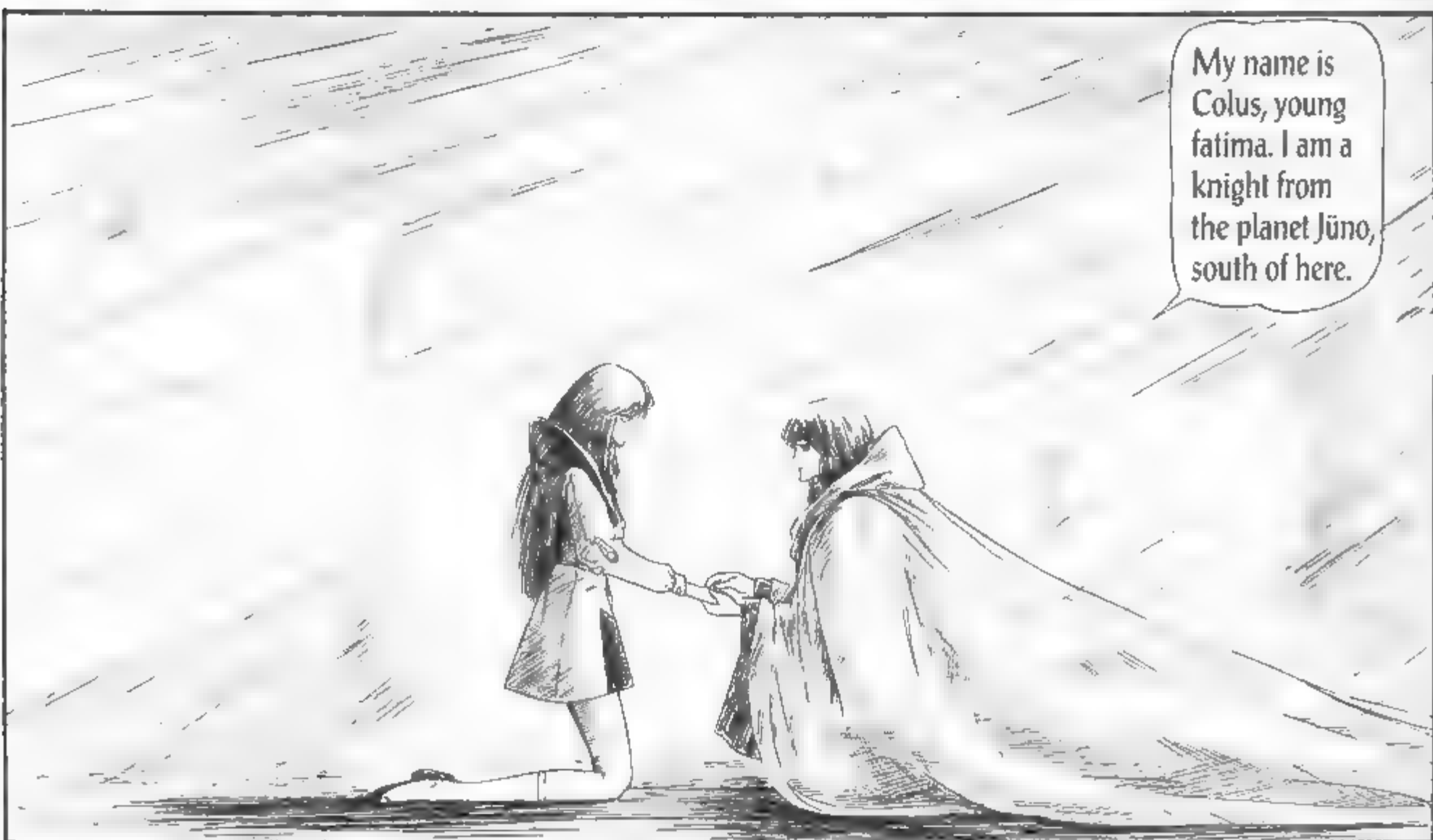
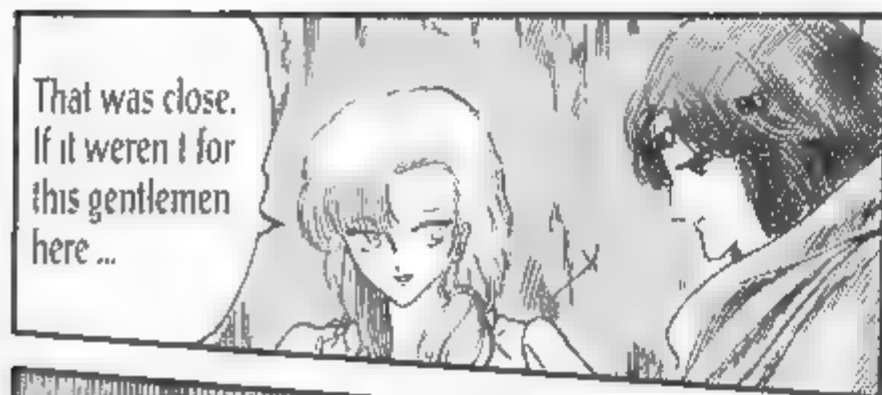
She was trying to escape from the palace.

She is a Ballanche design, with a little complication.

She is scheduled to appear at the fatima debut.

You called her Clotho.





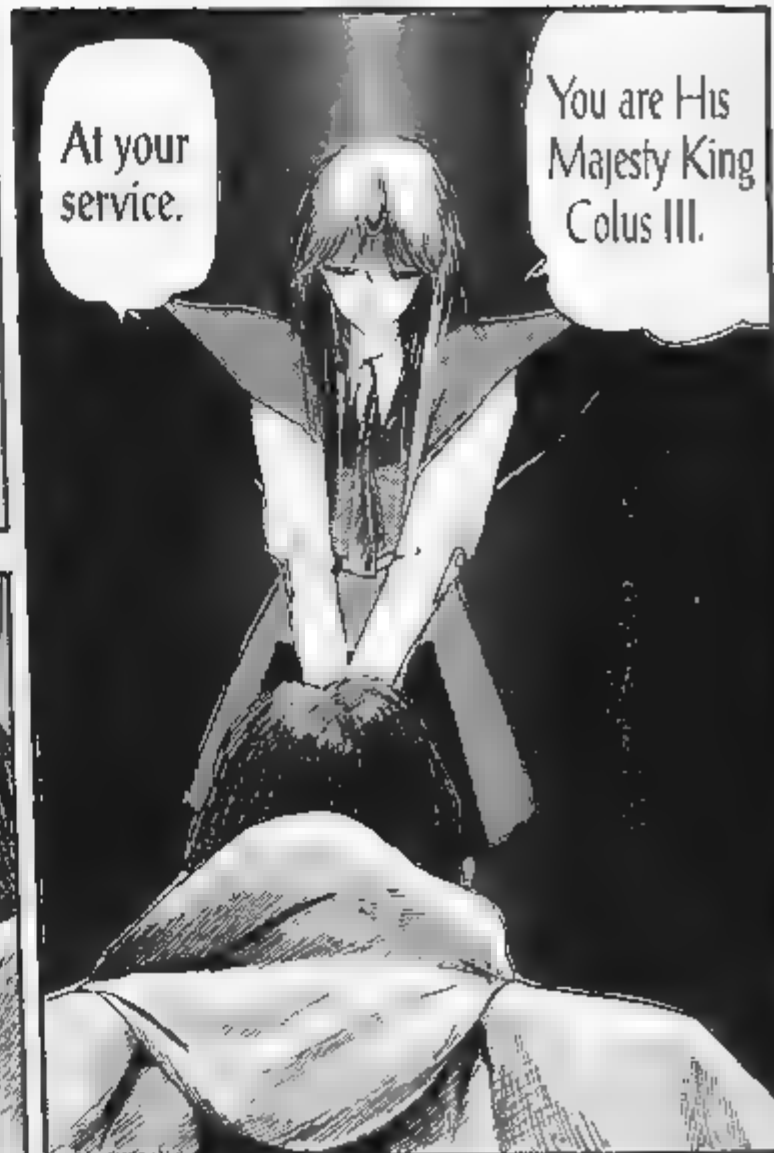


Fine with me, if Your Majesty has no objections.



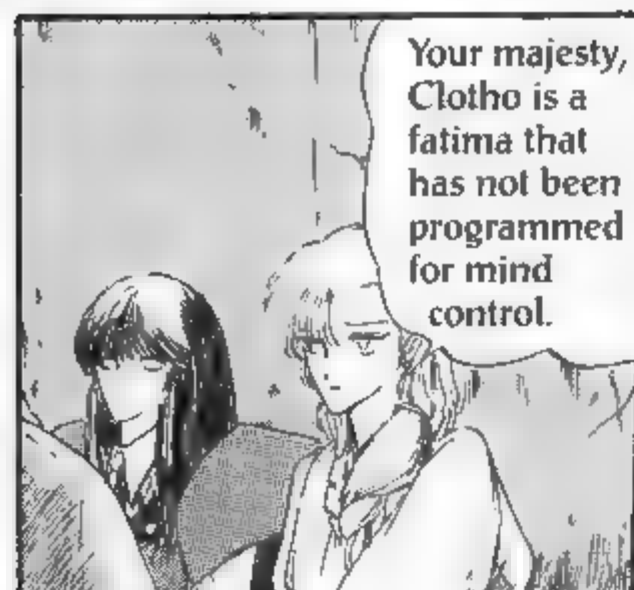
I want to go with him.

Mr. Sopp!



At your service.

You are His Majesty King Colus III.



Your majesty, Clotho is a fatima that has not been programmed for mind control.



No objections at all, but what about the debut?



Yes. Ladios Sopp, meister by trade.



Possibly a future son or grandson.

I assumed something like that. When she called me "master", she must have mistaken me for someone else.



Master Sopp, was it?



I got the feeling that she was calling someone of Colus royal blood not yet born.



And the knight
hiding behind,
you can come
out now, sir.



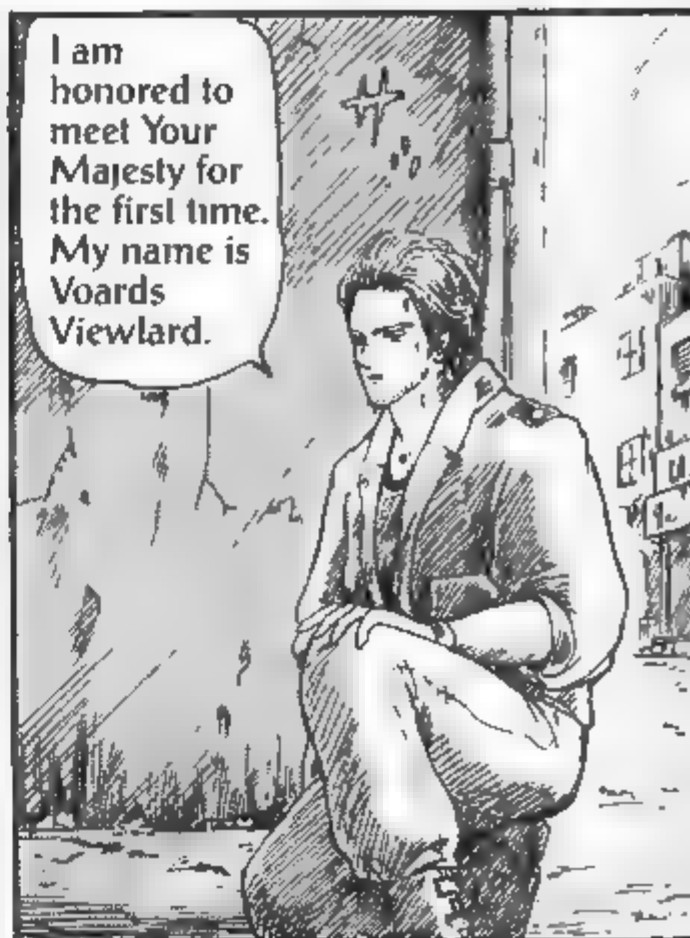
I will re-
member you,
Ludios Sopp.



I'm here under
orders from the
Trün Union
Congress to
serve as an
inspector.



I am
honored to
meet Your
Majesty for
the first time.
My name is
Voards
Viewlard.



Well, Sir
Voards, what
are we to do
with this
young lady?



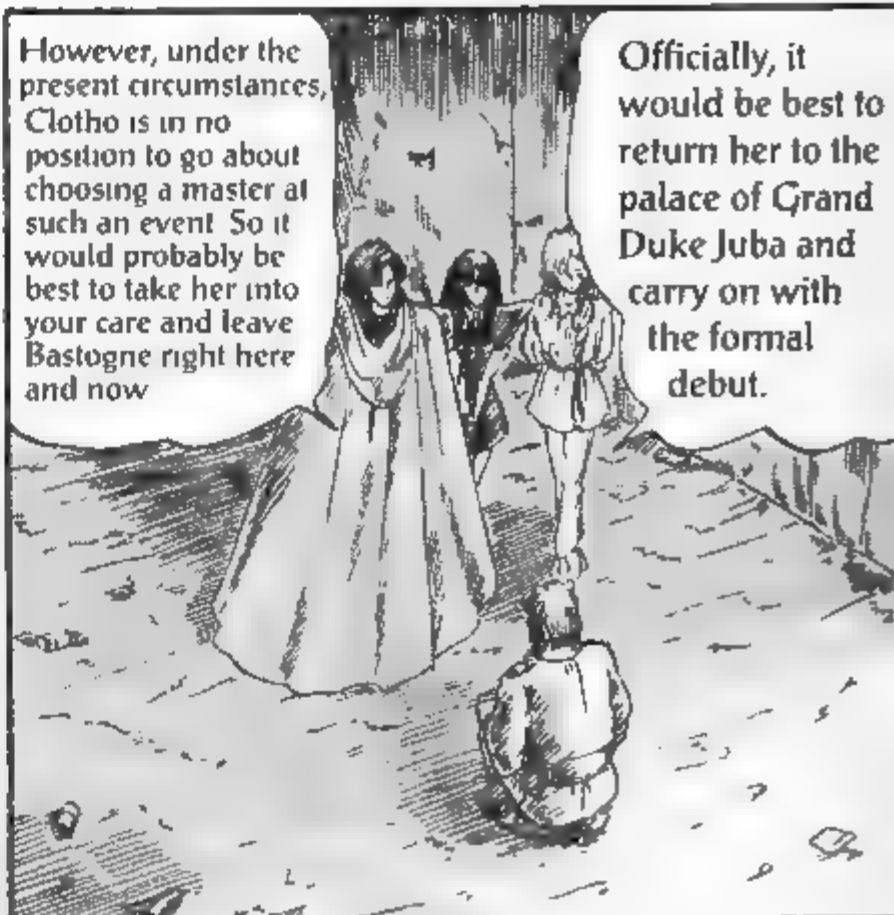
We are
breaking
galaxy law
here You
know that,
don't you?

Yes, Your
Majesty.

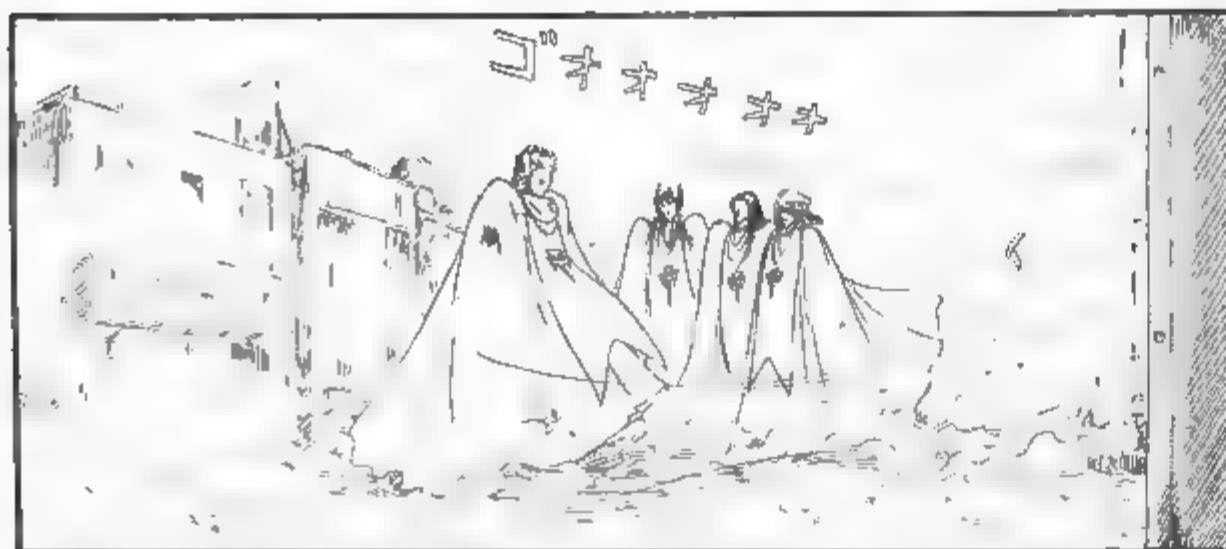


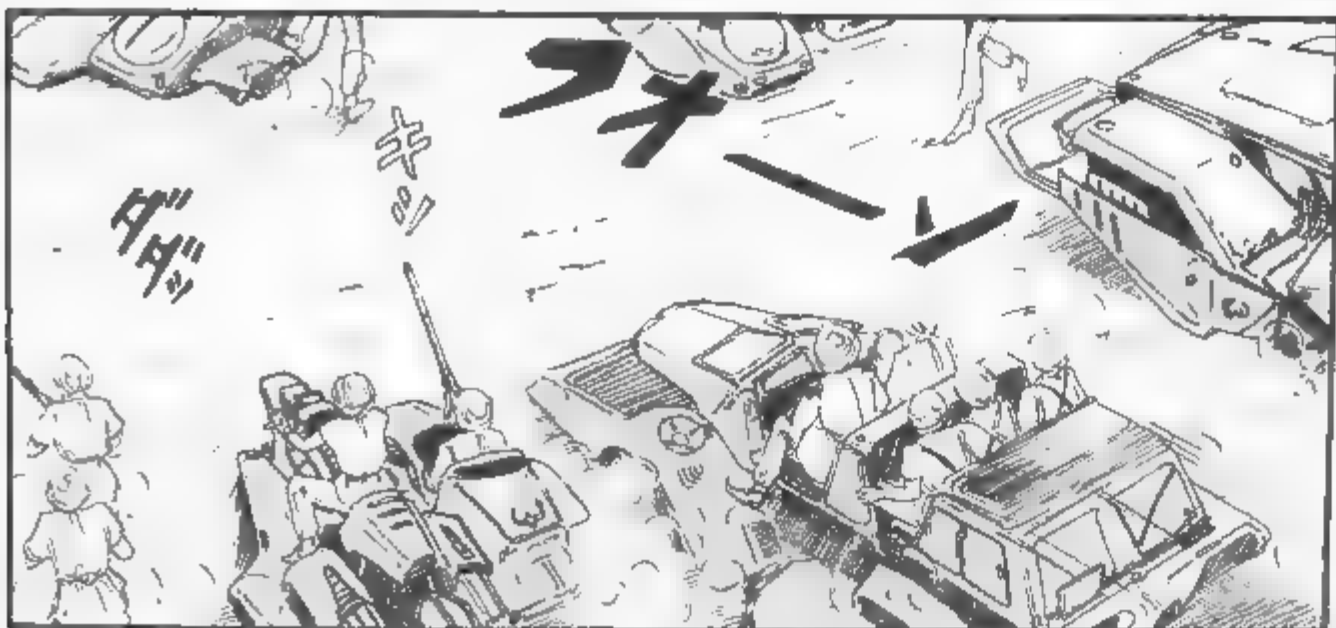
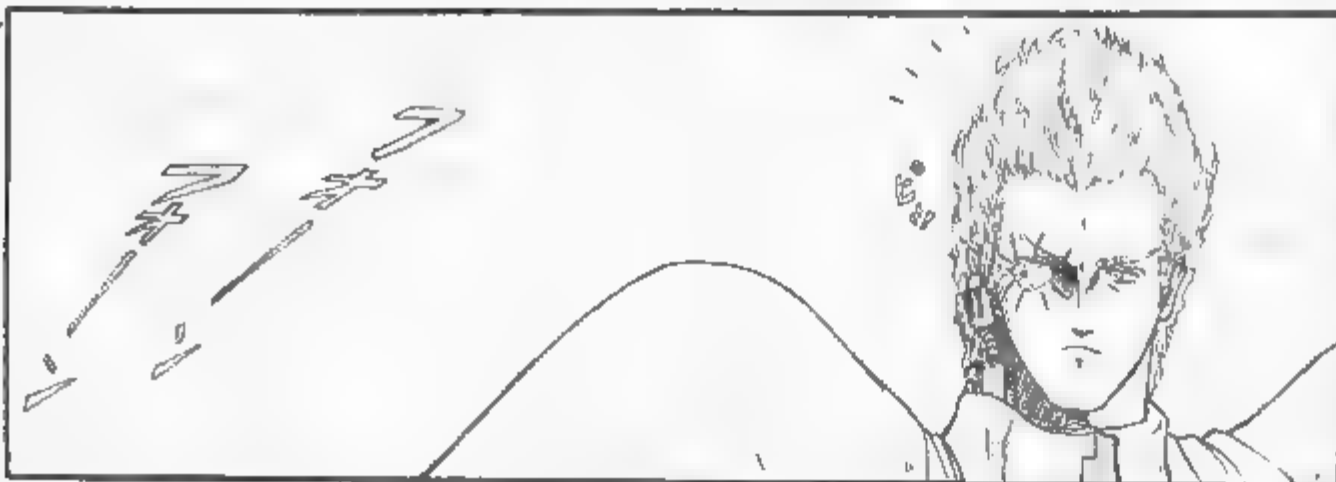
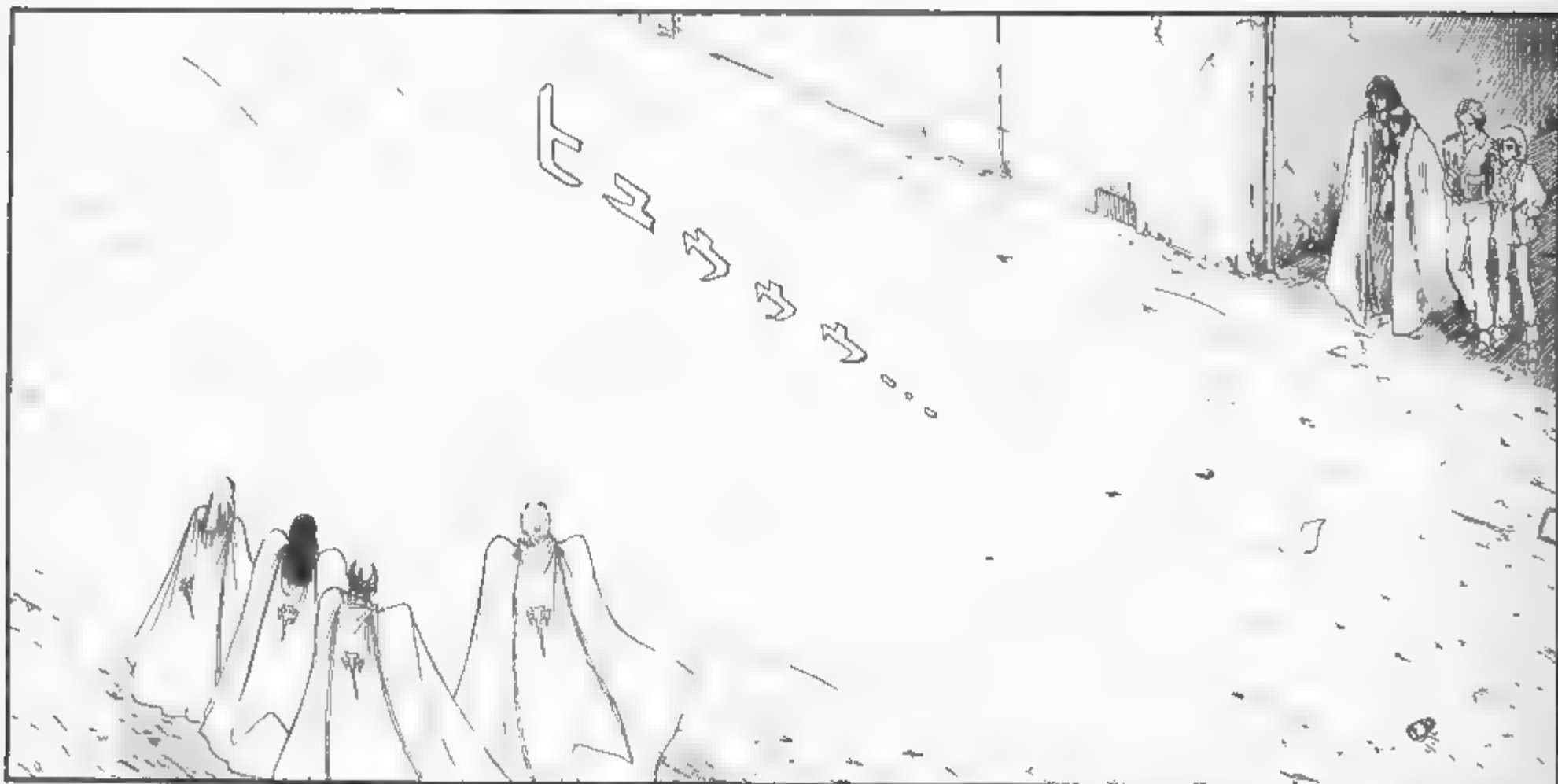
May I
understand
this as the
position of
the Trün
Union?

However, under the
present circumstances,
Clotho is in no
position to go about
choosing a master at
such an event. So it
would probably be
best to take her into
your care and leave
Bastogne right here
and now.



Officially, it
would be best to
return her to the
palace of Grand
Duke Juba and
carry on with
the formal
debut.

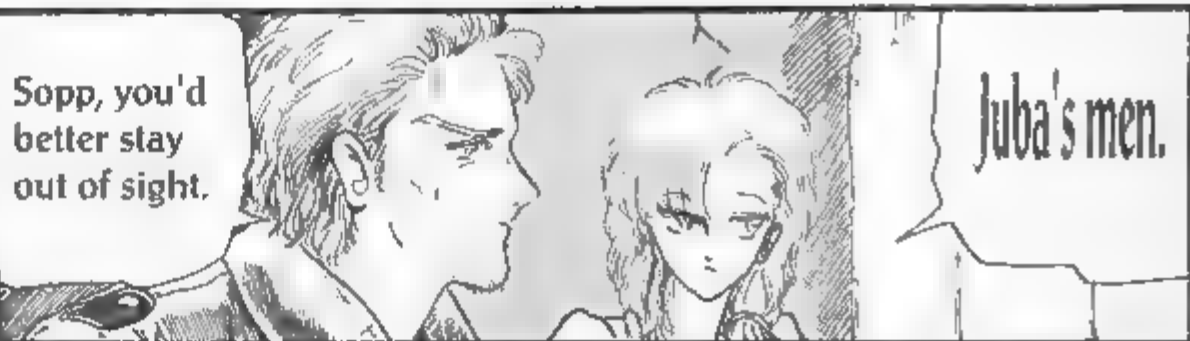






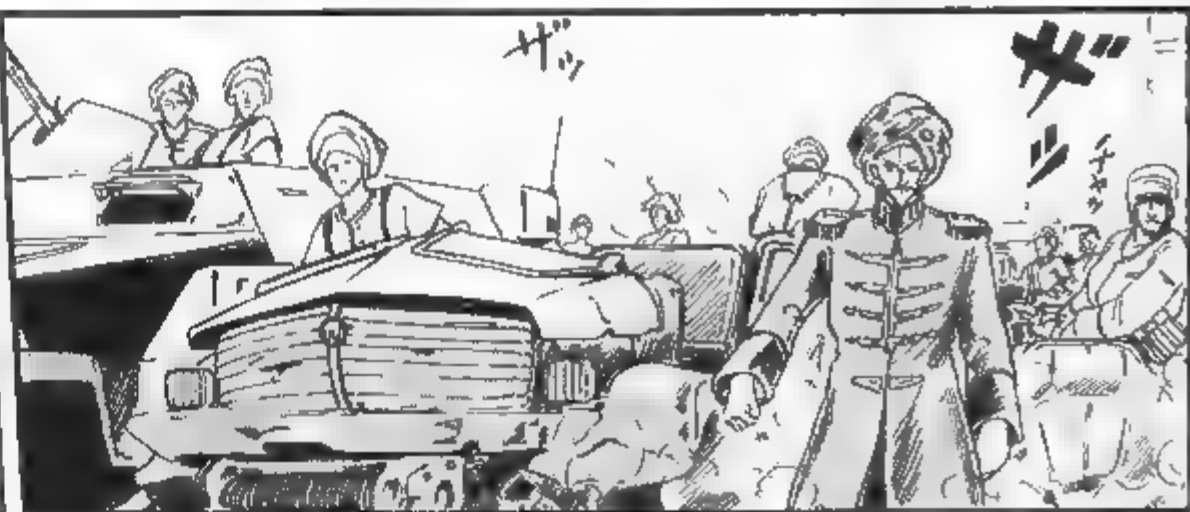
Of all the rotten luck!

The Mirages.



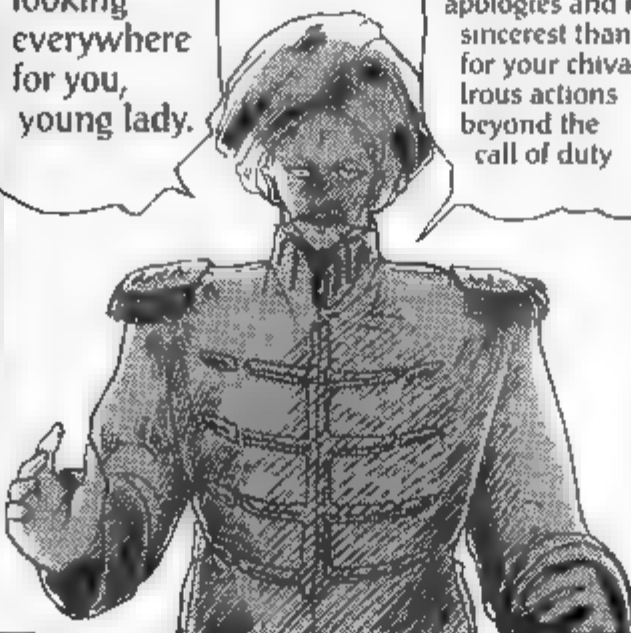
Sopp, you'd better stay out of sight.

Juba's men.



We've been looking everywhere for you, young lady.

Please accept both my apologies and my sincerest thanks for your chivalrous actions beyond the call of duty



Your Majesty, you have found Clotho!



A mechanical larynx. Great modulation, Spacorn.



Yes, Lord Spacorn?



Hold on there, Sir Pejoit!

What! That's outrageous!



No.
It's true.



Fatima Clocho has at this very moment made her wishes known that she will accompany His Majesty, Colus III

Some trouble has occurred here.



No.
It can't be.



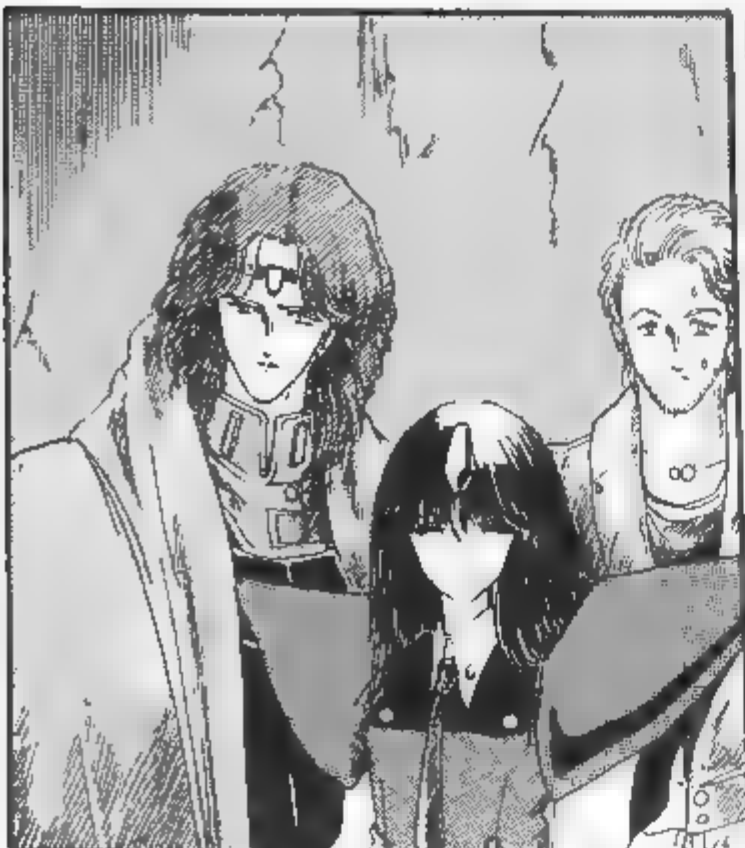
... and we four have no reason to doubt the word of a Union agent.



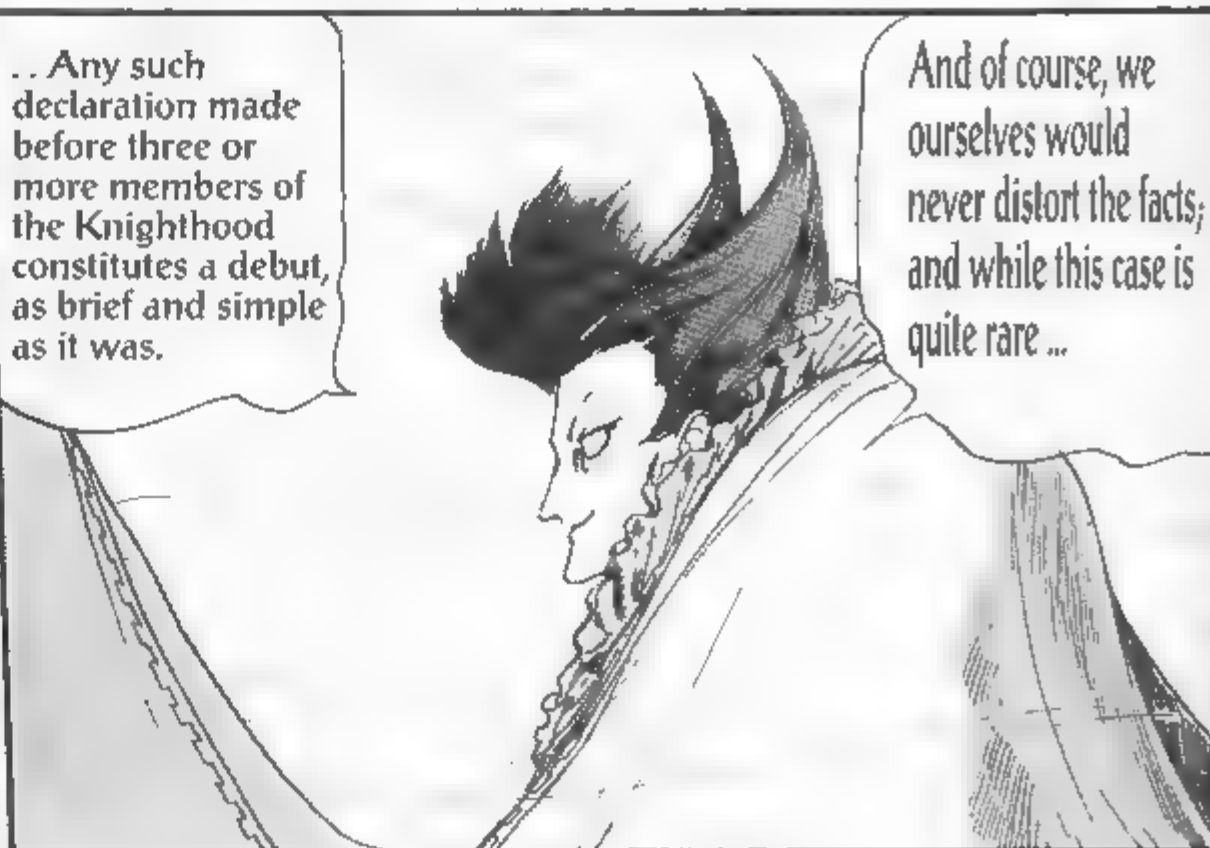
Fortunately, Sir Voards of Trün was witness to the event ...

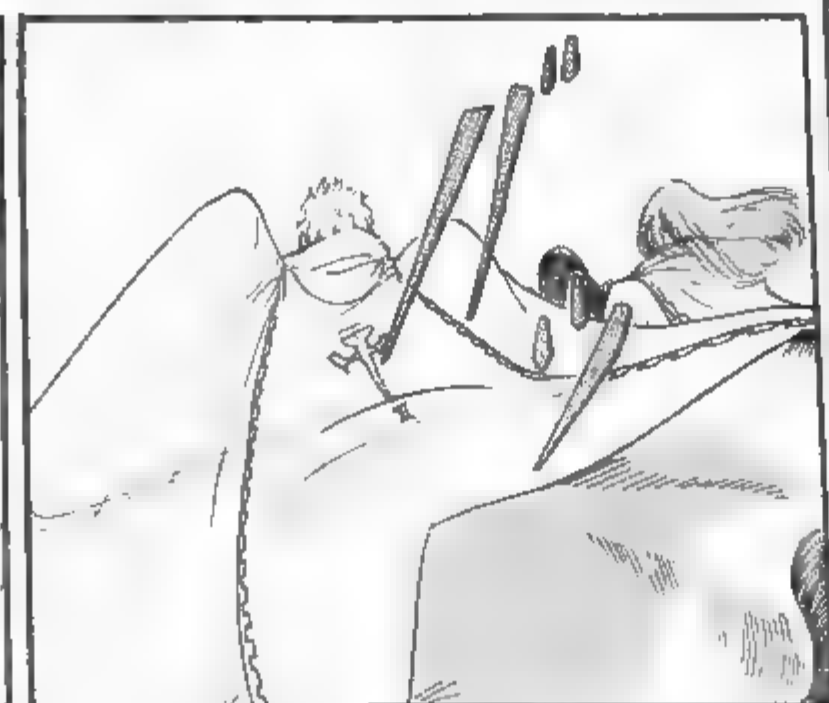
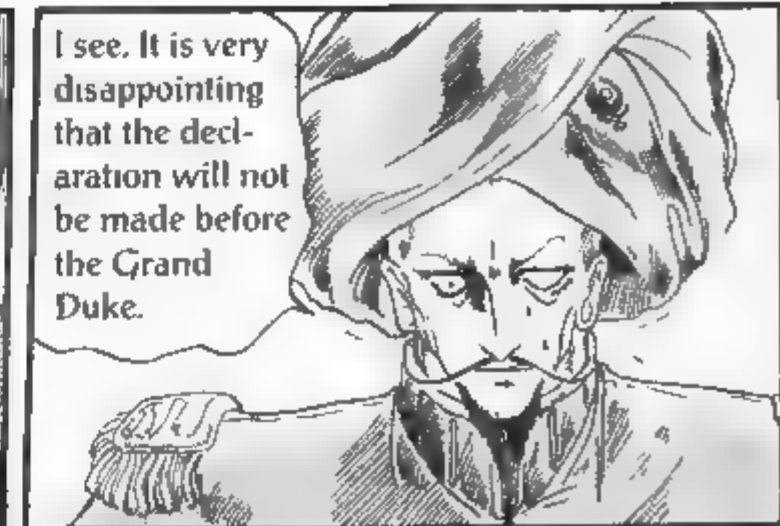


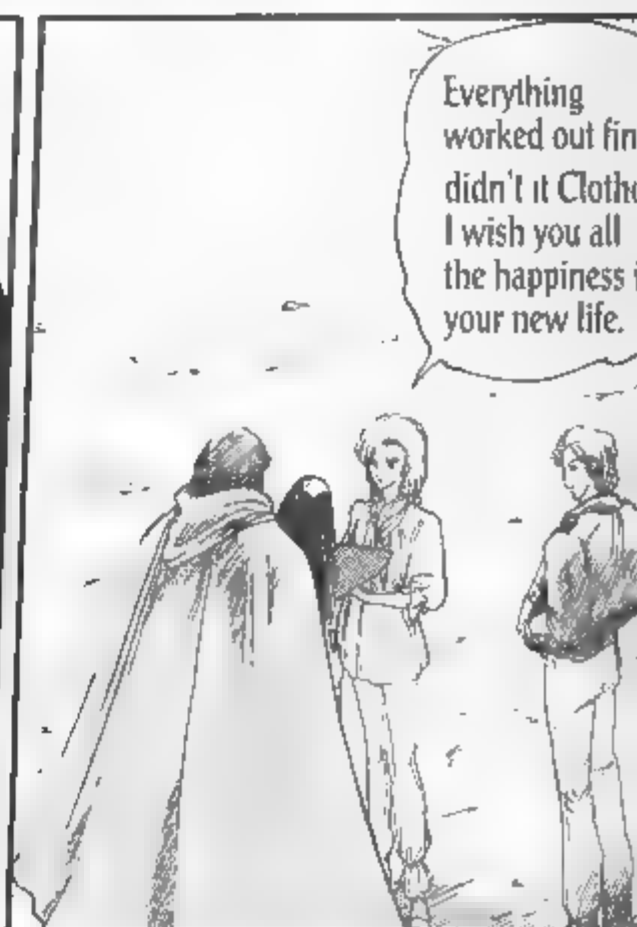
... Any such declaration made before three or more members of the Knighthood constitutes a debut, as brief and simple as it was.

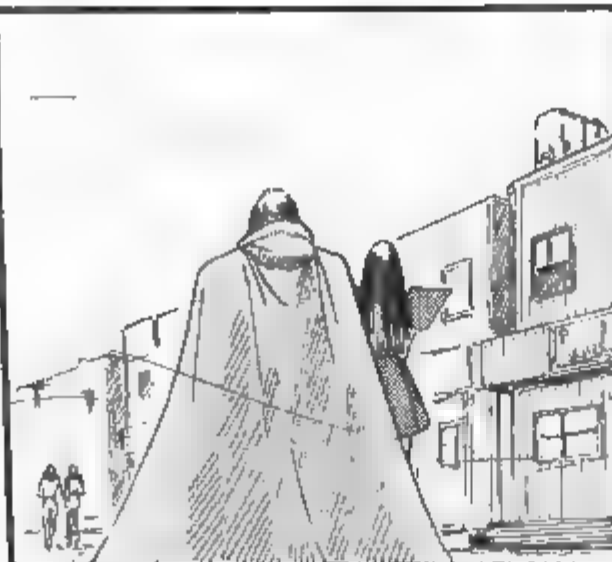


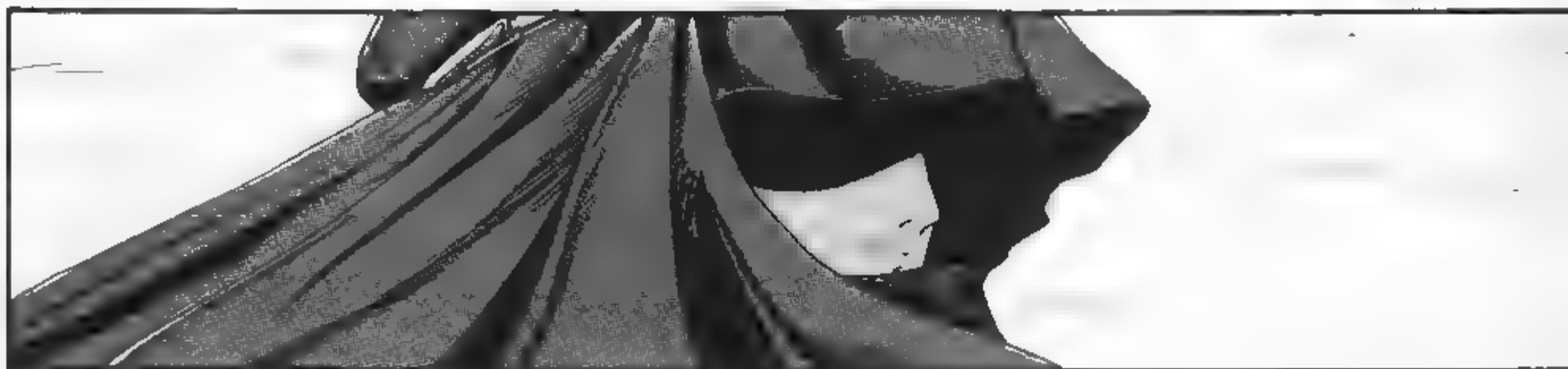
And of course, we ourselves would never distort the facts; and while this case is quite rare ...

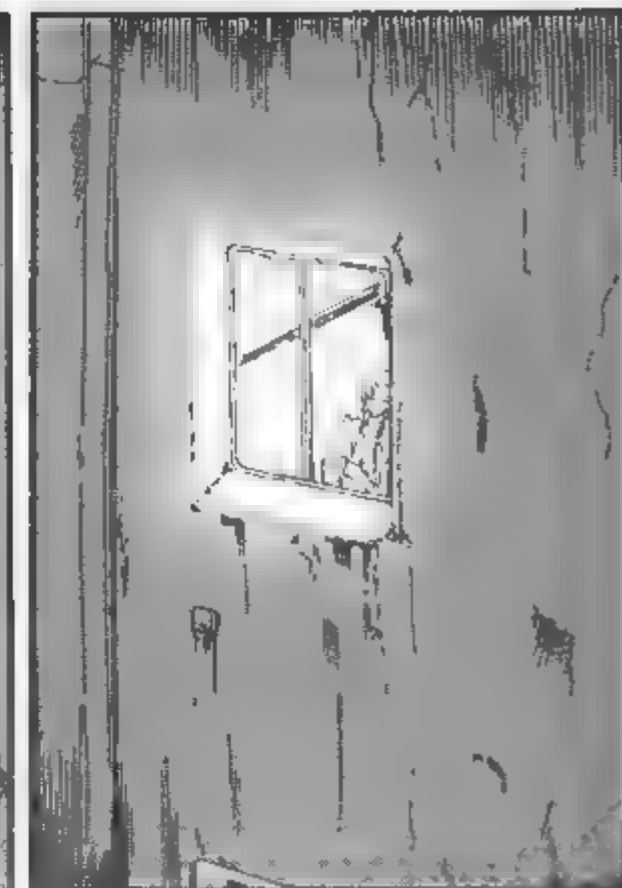
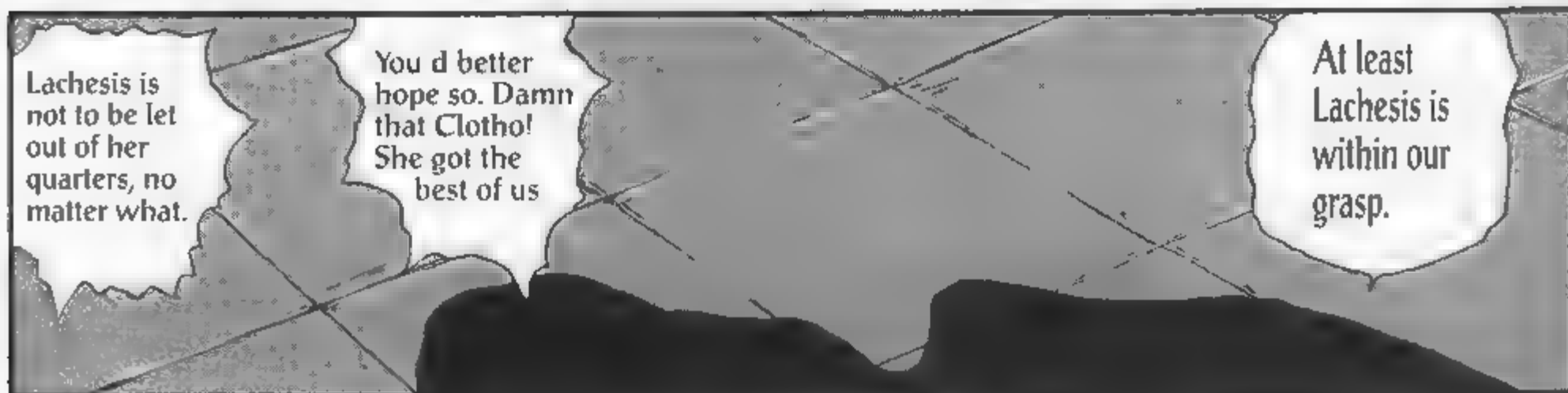
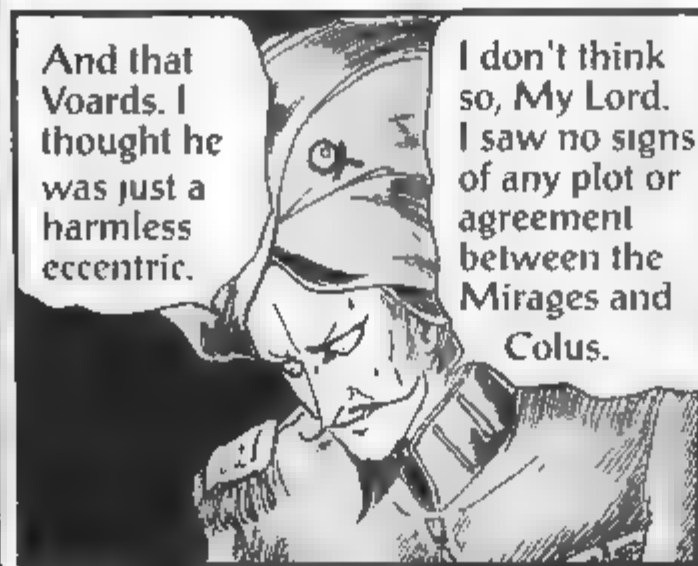
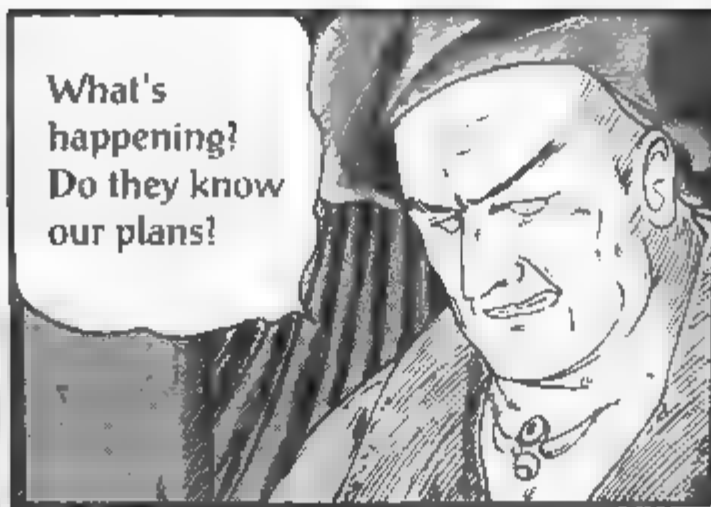


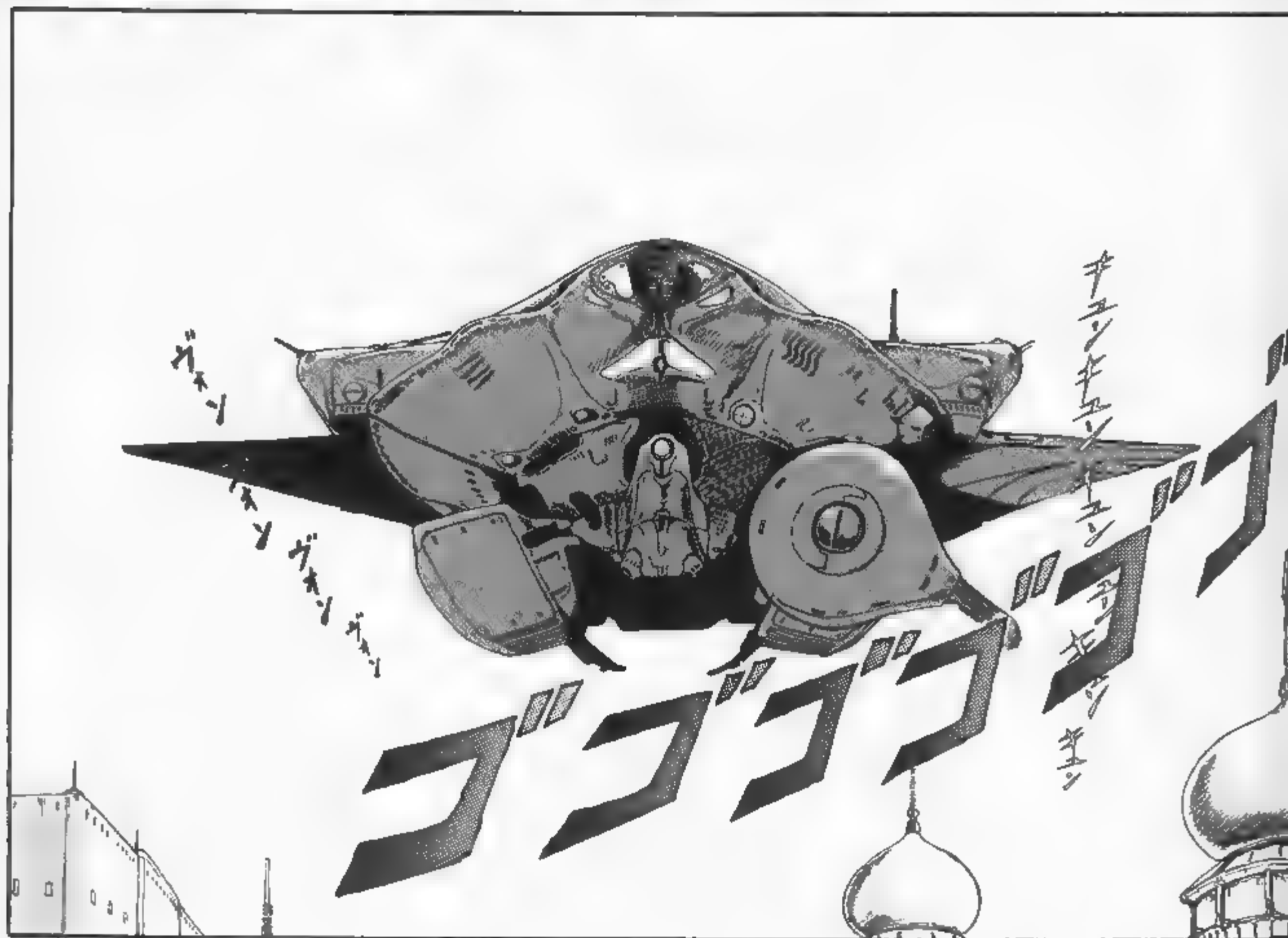














*^ flying mortar head hanger



What a
sad excuse
for an
MH! It's
down right
ugly.



Decors,
we've been
expecting you.



They're
huge!

Mortar
headds.



I'm here,
Uncle Juda.



バツグン

... But even with the heavy armor, it is as fast, if not faster, than any MH in operation today.

It was designed and built by the well-known meight, Storm. It cost an arm and a leg to be sure ...

This one's mine, the Helmine. Feel free to inspect it. It is the heaviest MH in existence.

Please forgive me for causing such a ruckus, but allow me to show you my MH fleet.

... and their MH's, Barunja and Devoncha, also Storm designs.

These are my nephews, Decors and Torrora ...

Its fatima is an Eetoramuru*

Or maybe they're step-nephews acquired with cash.

I doubt if there's much headdliner blood flowing in those veins.

How do you know that?

In either case, that Helmine can be operated independently.

*A fat ma having no human form, thus functioning solely as an organic computer



And the meister ...



Not much need for it now, is there?



You're very observant.

You mean that thing in the capsule?



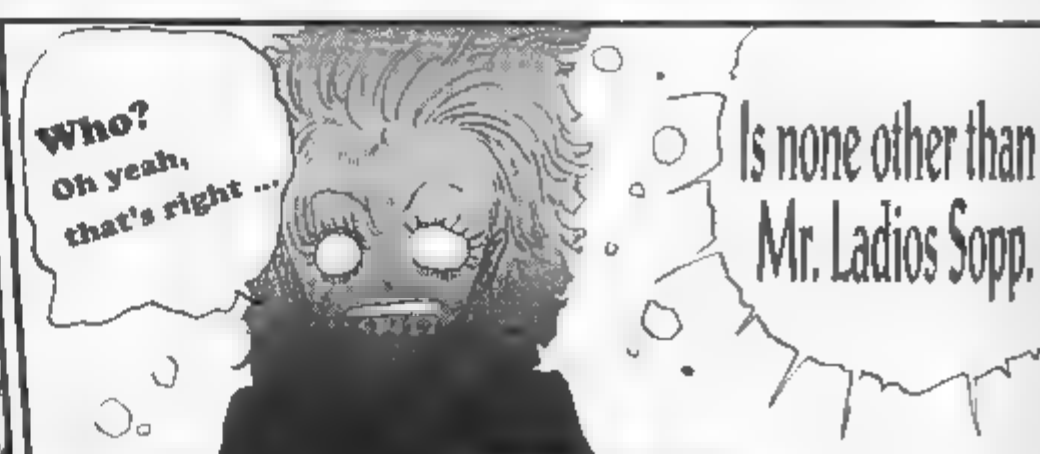
There's no elegance of movement.

キンぱーリ



You're tellin' me I heard that 15 years ago during the Battle of Tobruk, he hanged out* 12 mortar headds in just 36 hours.

That Ladios is some meister.



Who?
Oh yeah,
that's right ...

Is none other than Mr. Ladios Sopp.



That Clotho, a fatima to appear in the debut, has already declared His Majesty Colus III to be her master.

I think that everyone is aware by now ...

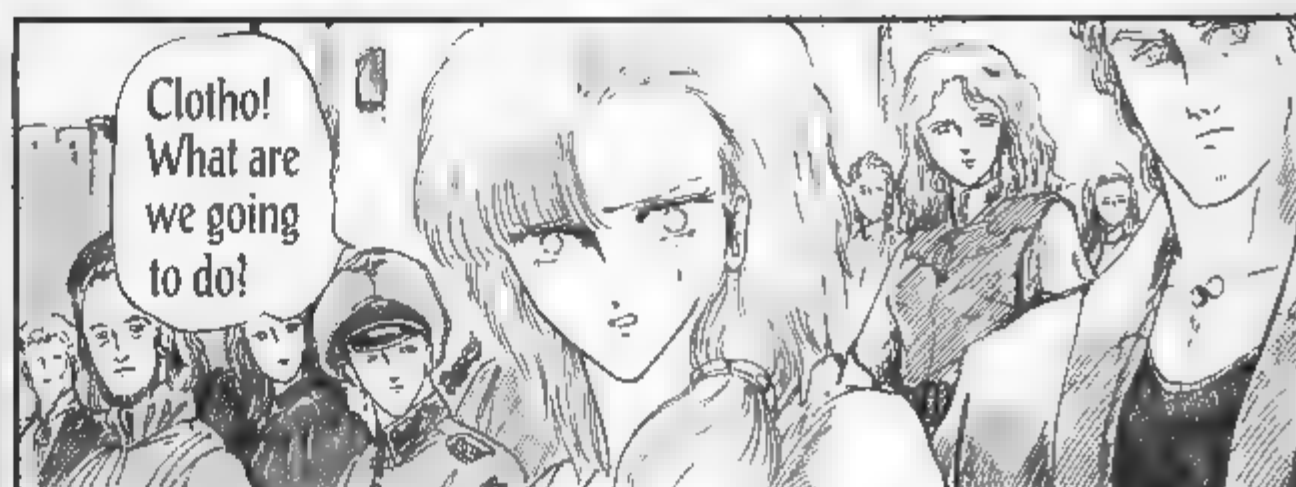
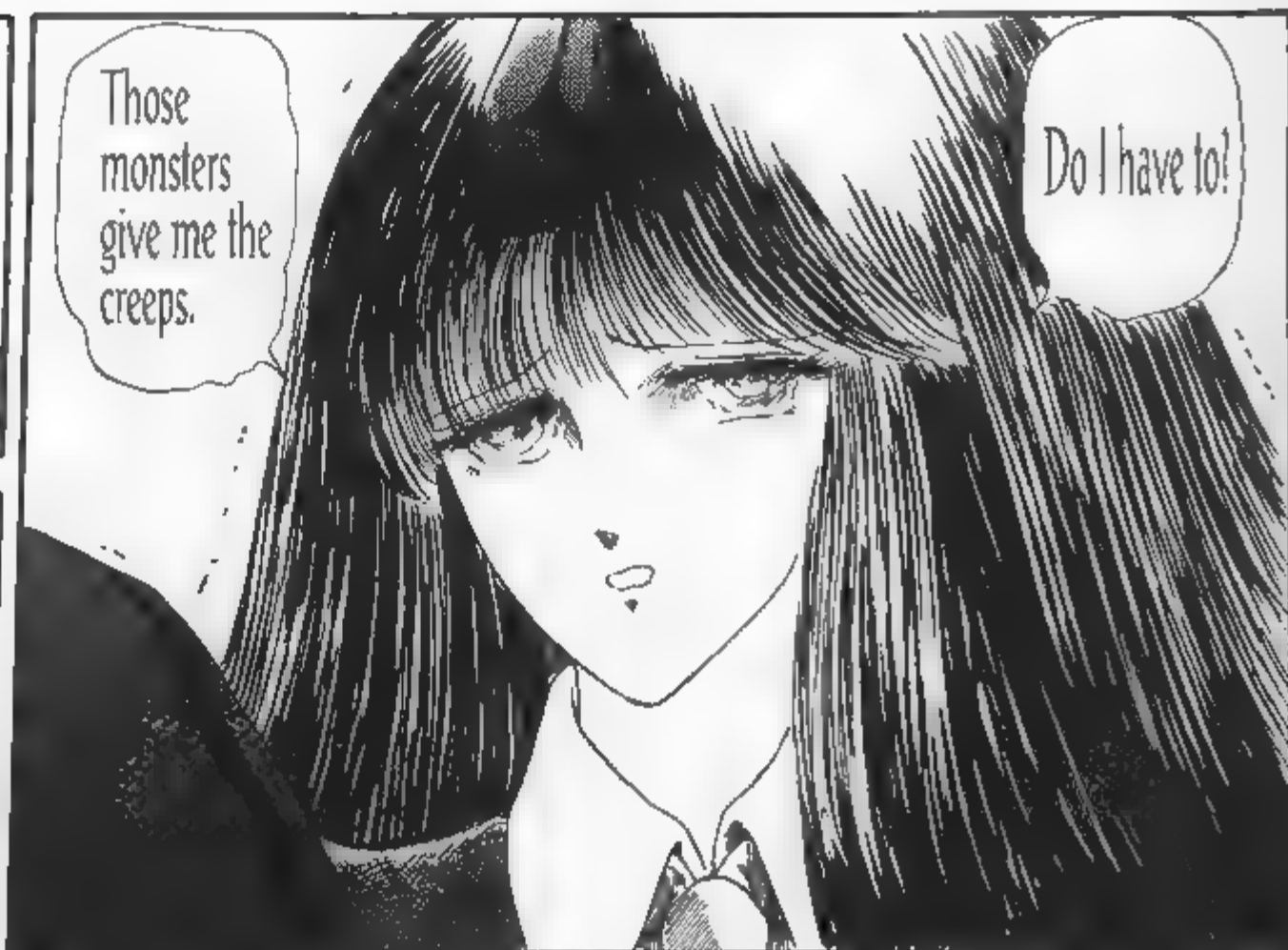


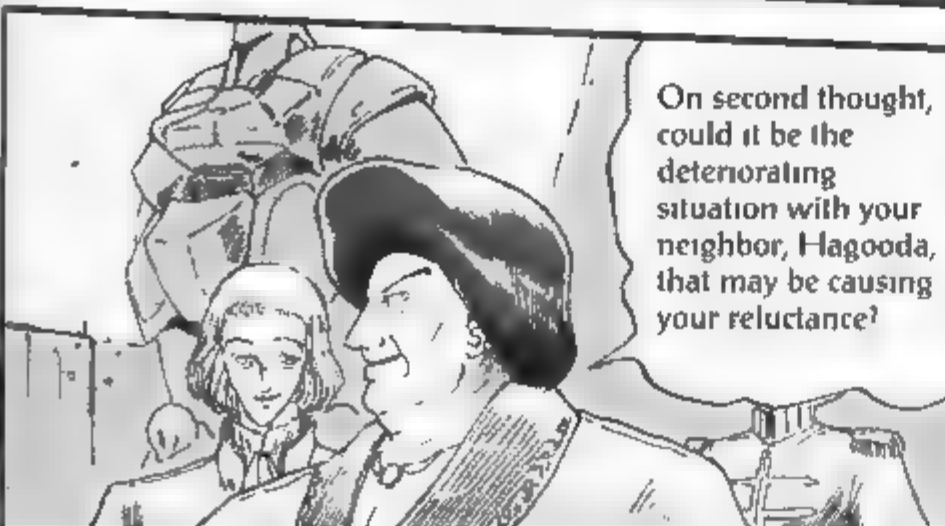
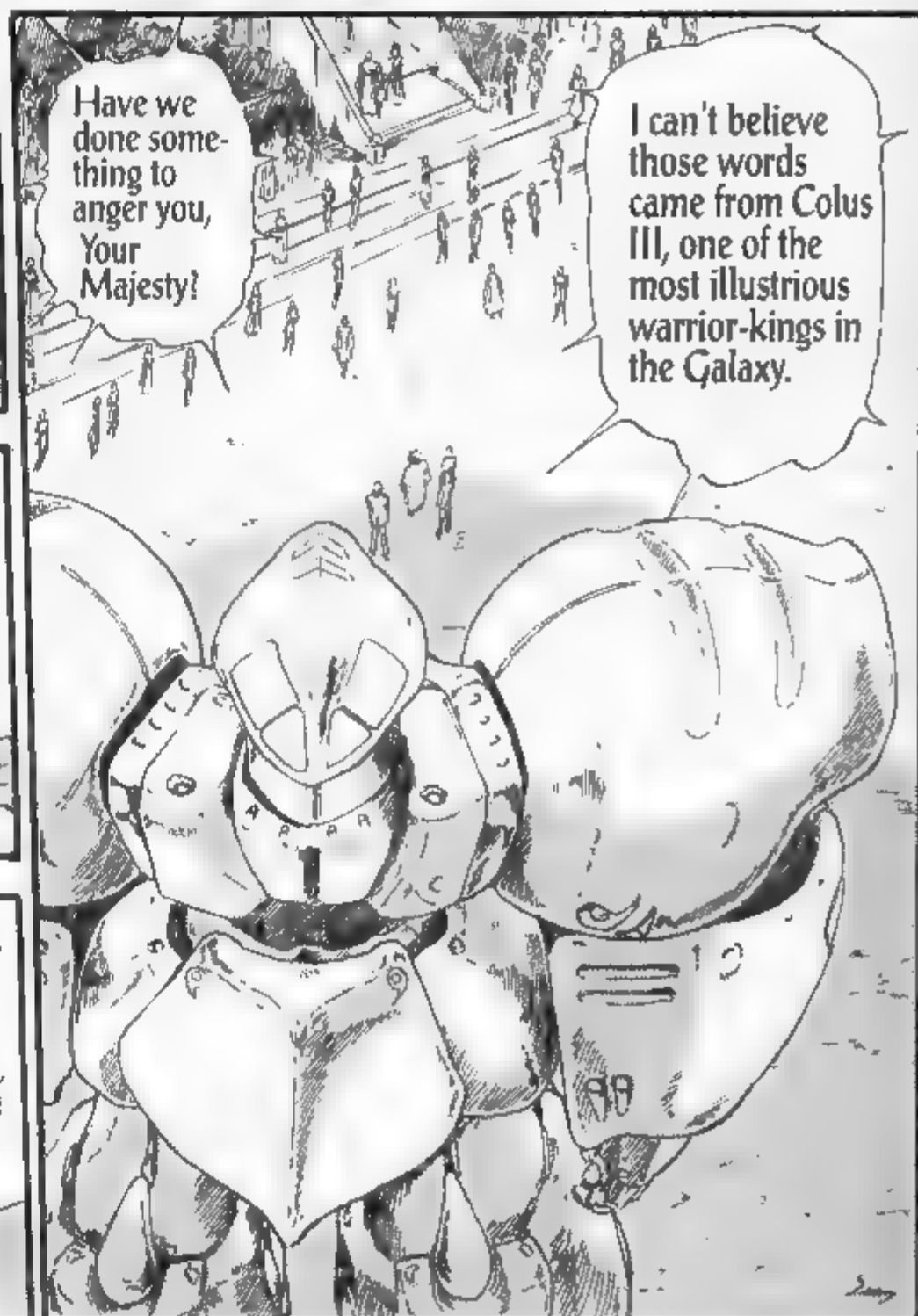
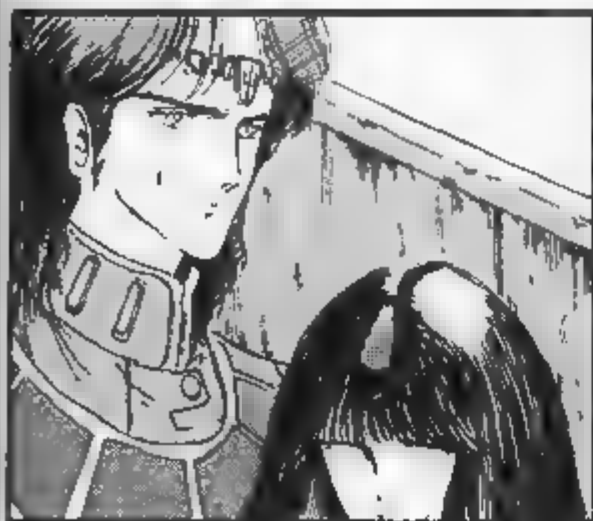
Your Majesty, how about showing us what your new fatima can do in action?

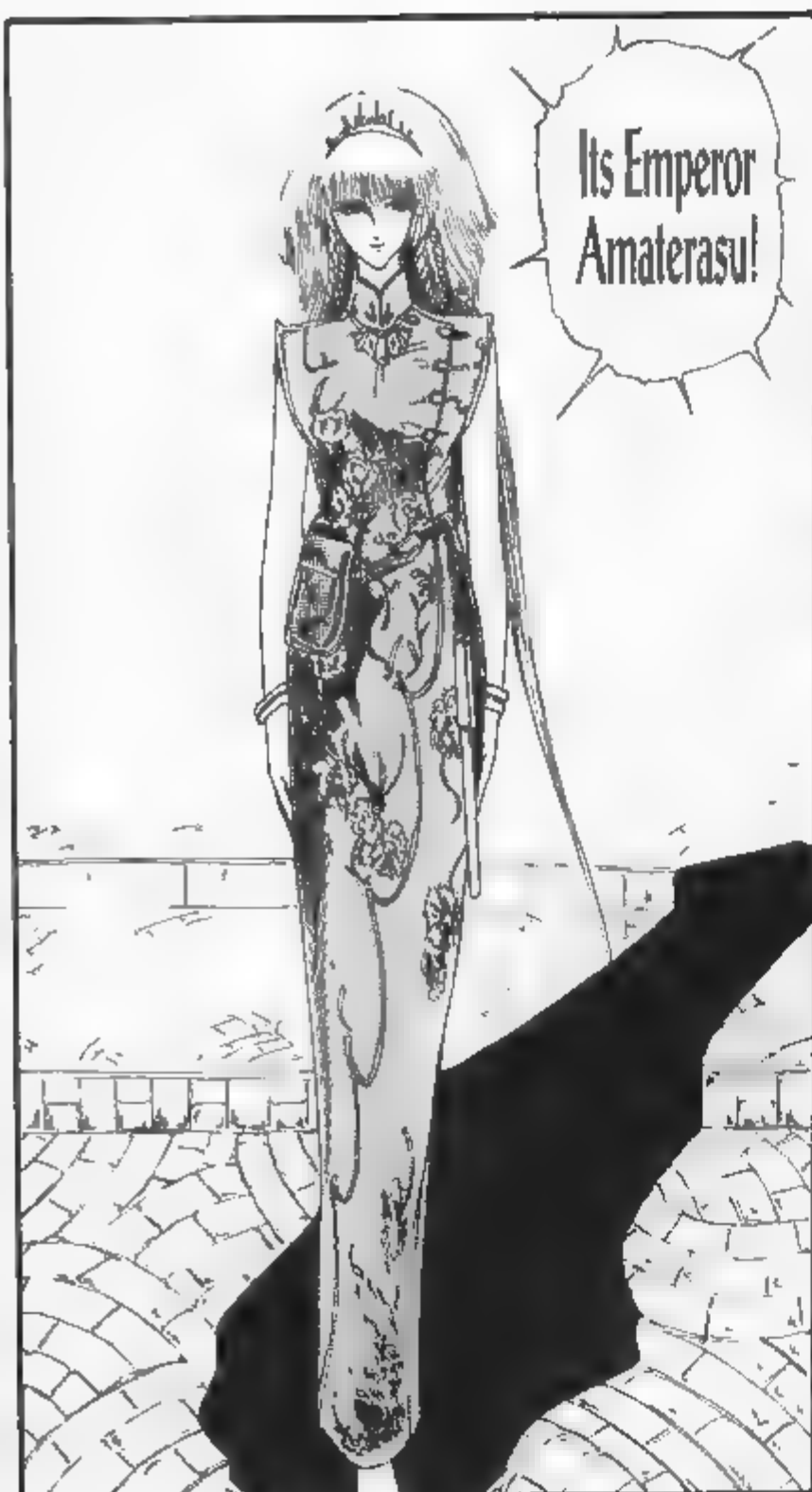


Since we're here, why don't we stage a mock battle for your entertainment.

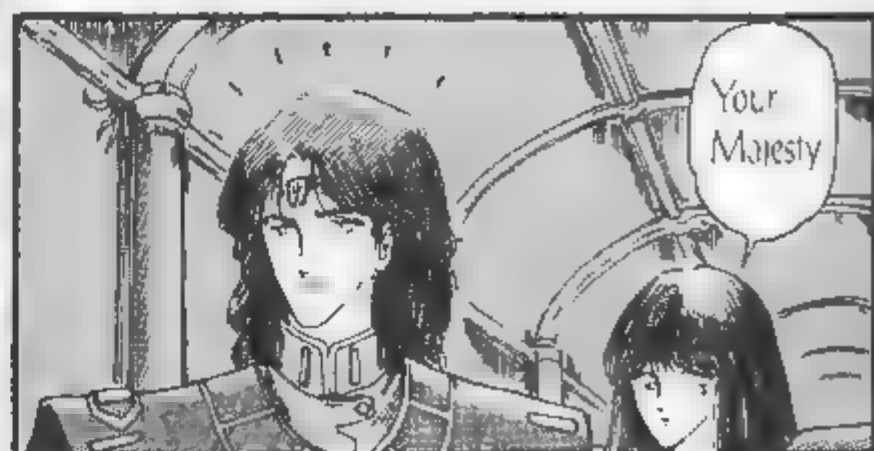
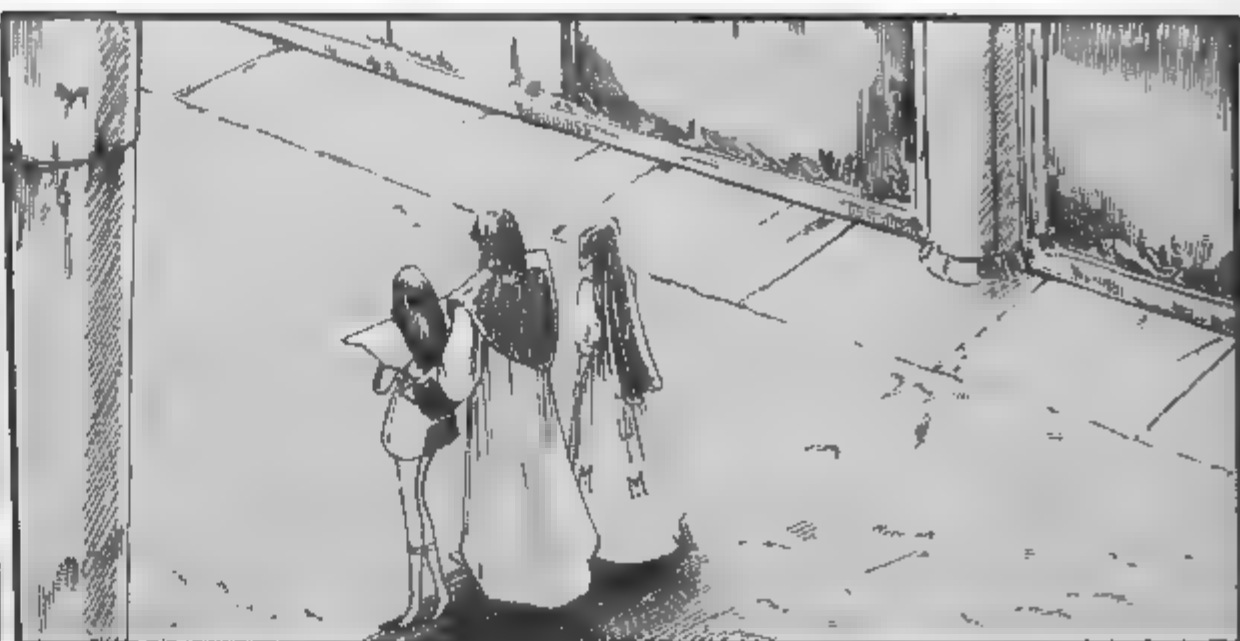
*Making damaged equipment battle ready 12 MI Is in 36 hours is about ten times the usual pace

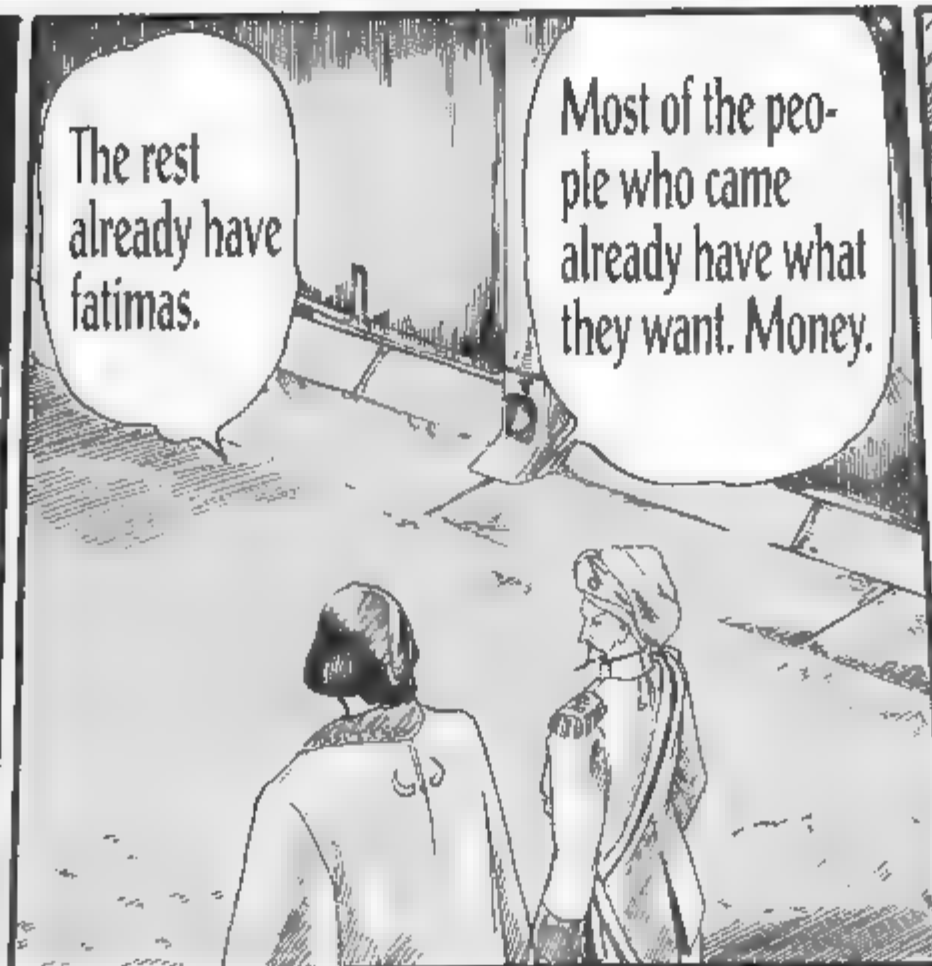
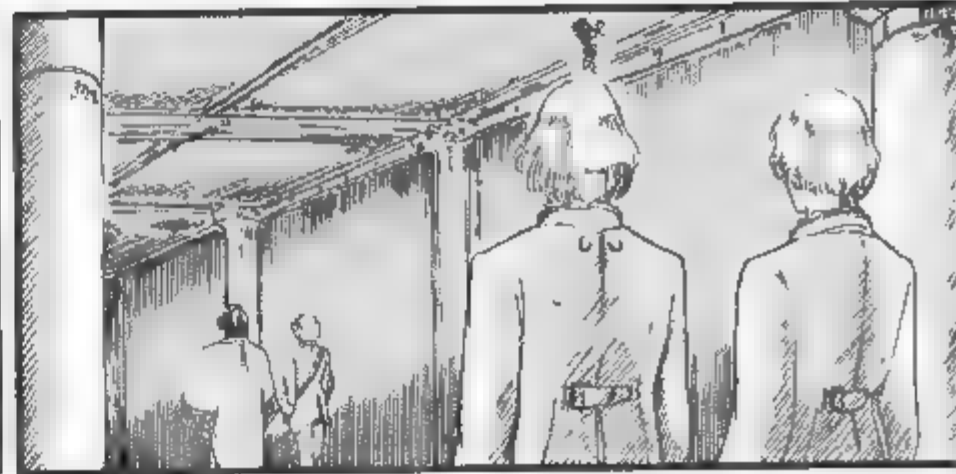
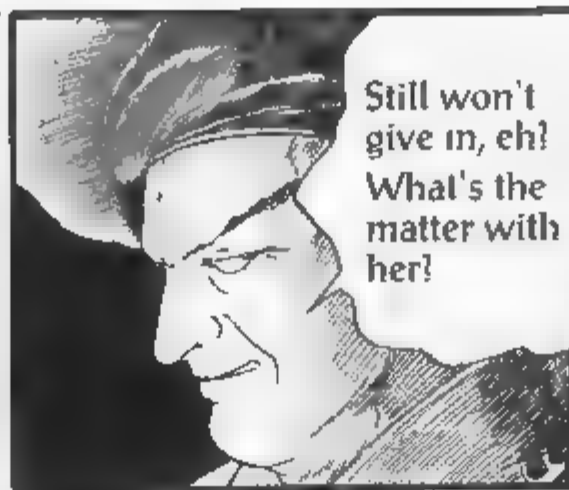


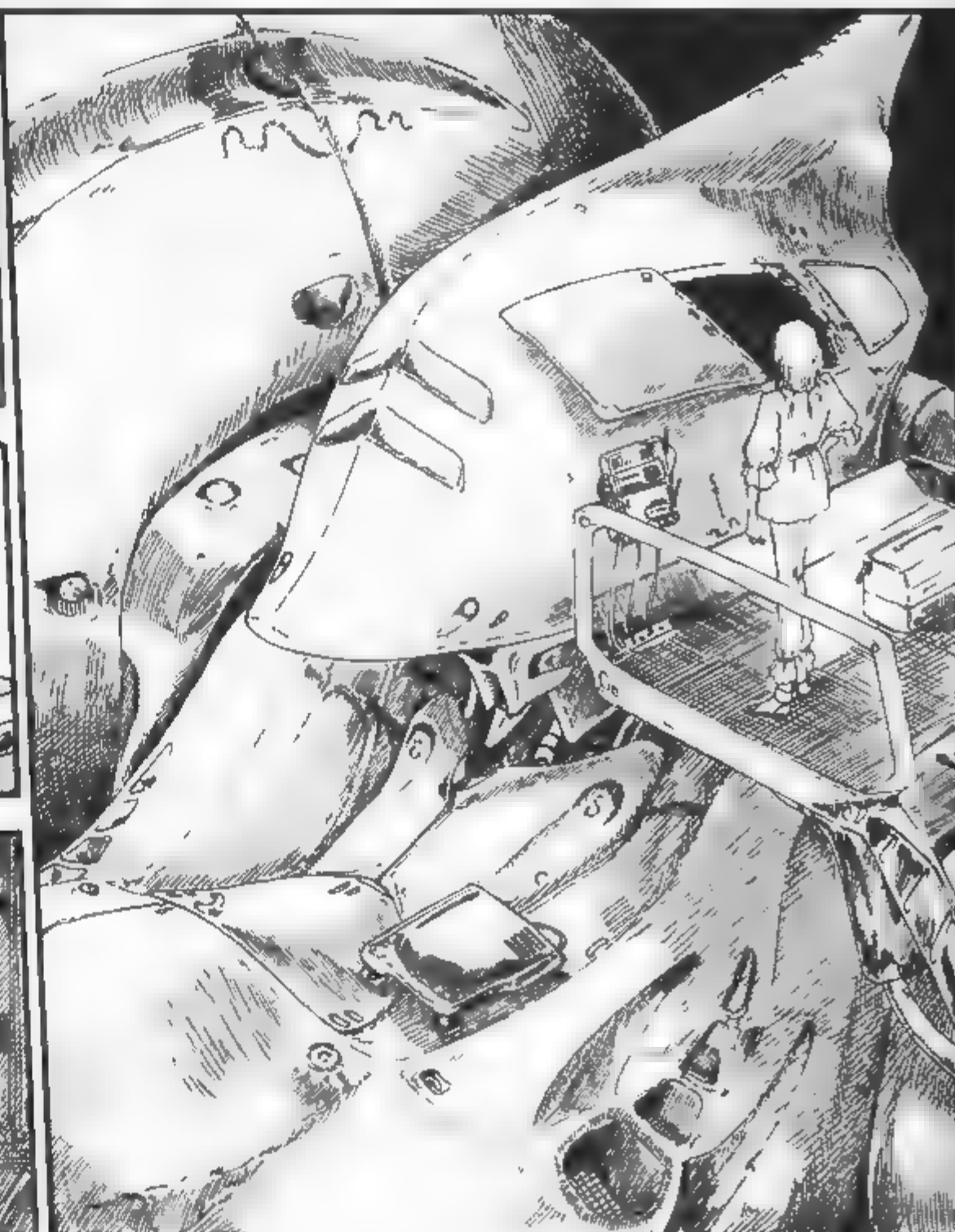
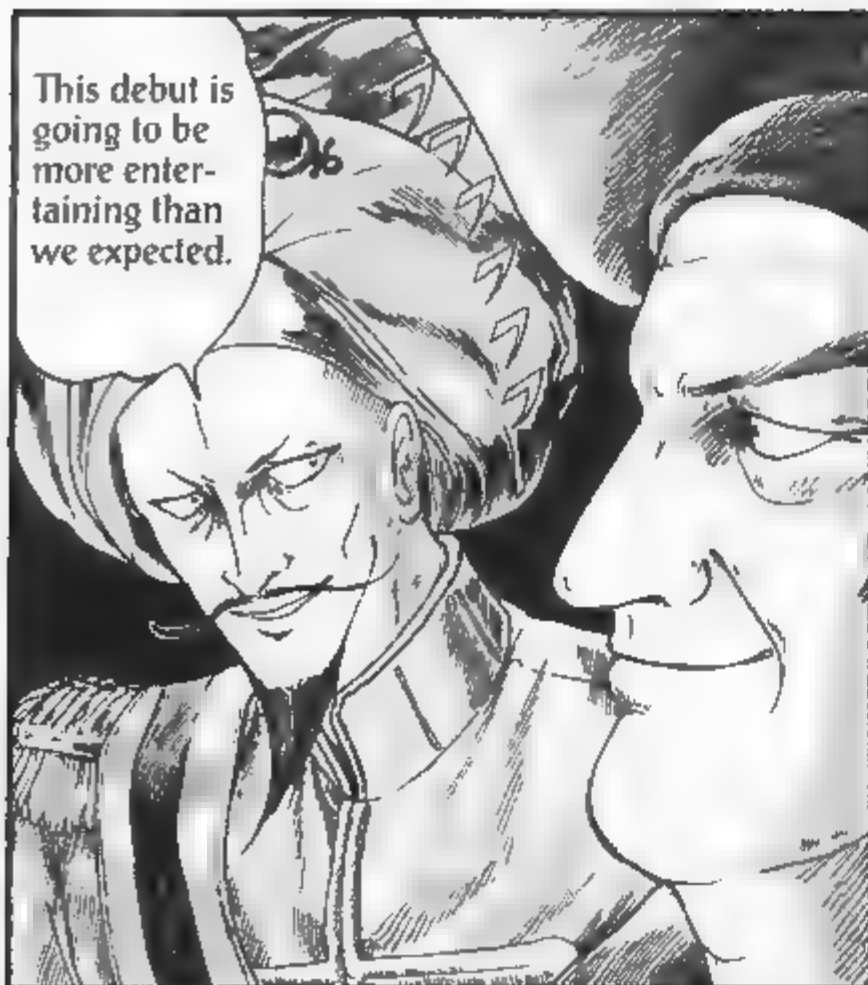


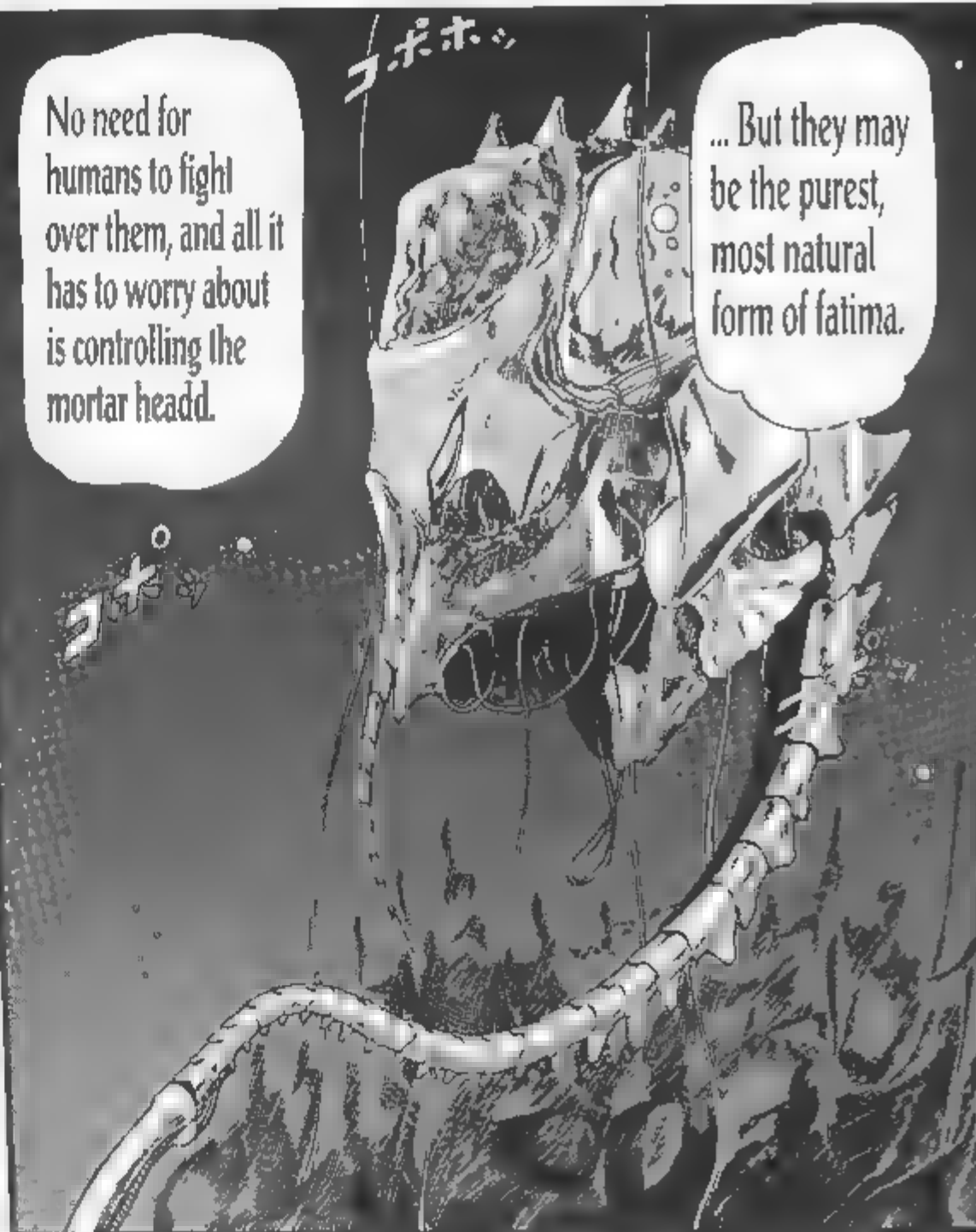
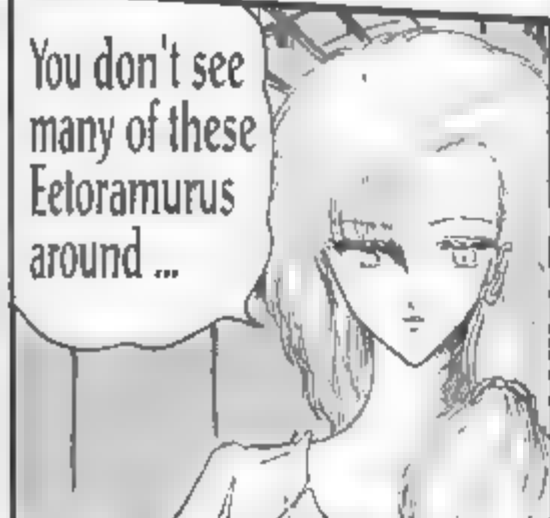


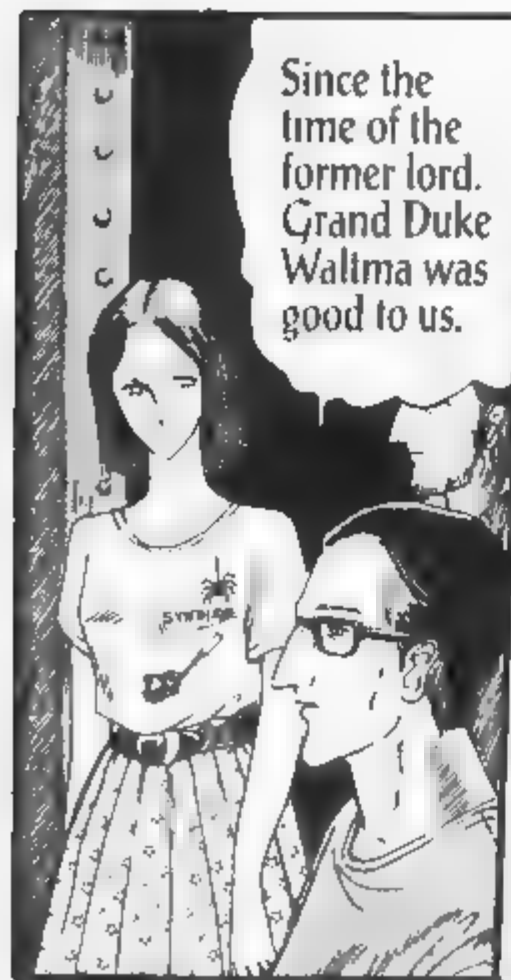
I am truly honored ...











Since the time of the former lord. Grand Duke Walima was good to us.



You're presence has really brightened things up around here, Mr. Sopp.



Have you been working for the Lord of Rent long?



There must be plenty of jobs better than this one?



Why did you come here to work, Mr. Sopp?



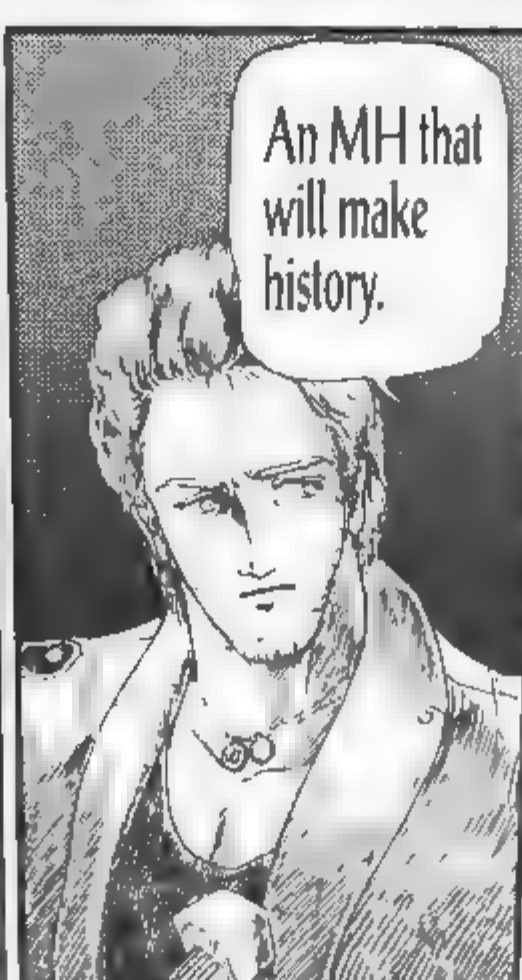
Lets change the subject, okay?

Since the new lord came, the palace has changed.



You'll build it.

Nothing less from Ladios Sopp.



An MH that will make history.



I promised it to someone.

There's a mortar headd I dream of building.

Viewlard? When are you going to introduce me to your fatima?

Of course! Ha, ha, ha!

It's only a matter of time until President Rouath of the Trün Union steps in here.

I don't think our present Lord of Rent is going to last very long.

Before I get what I came for.

I just hope that he doesn't step in too early.

Oh, I forgot to tell you something Sopp

She's no big deal anyway.

In due time.

Huh? Who?

Beating a hasty retreat, Viewlard?

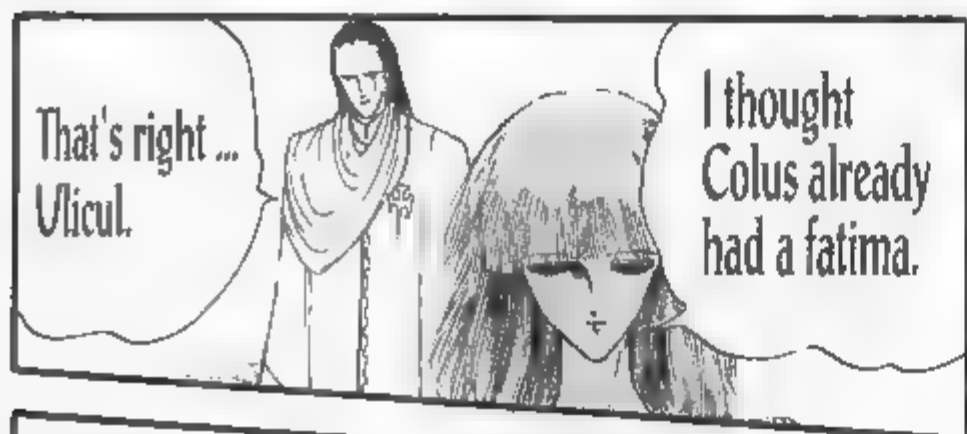
I gotta go.

I'd keep a careful eye on Juda's two nephews, if I were you. They may be a couple of good for nothing sex maniacs, but they can be dangerous all the same

Remember me to your mother I know

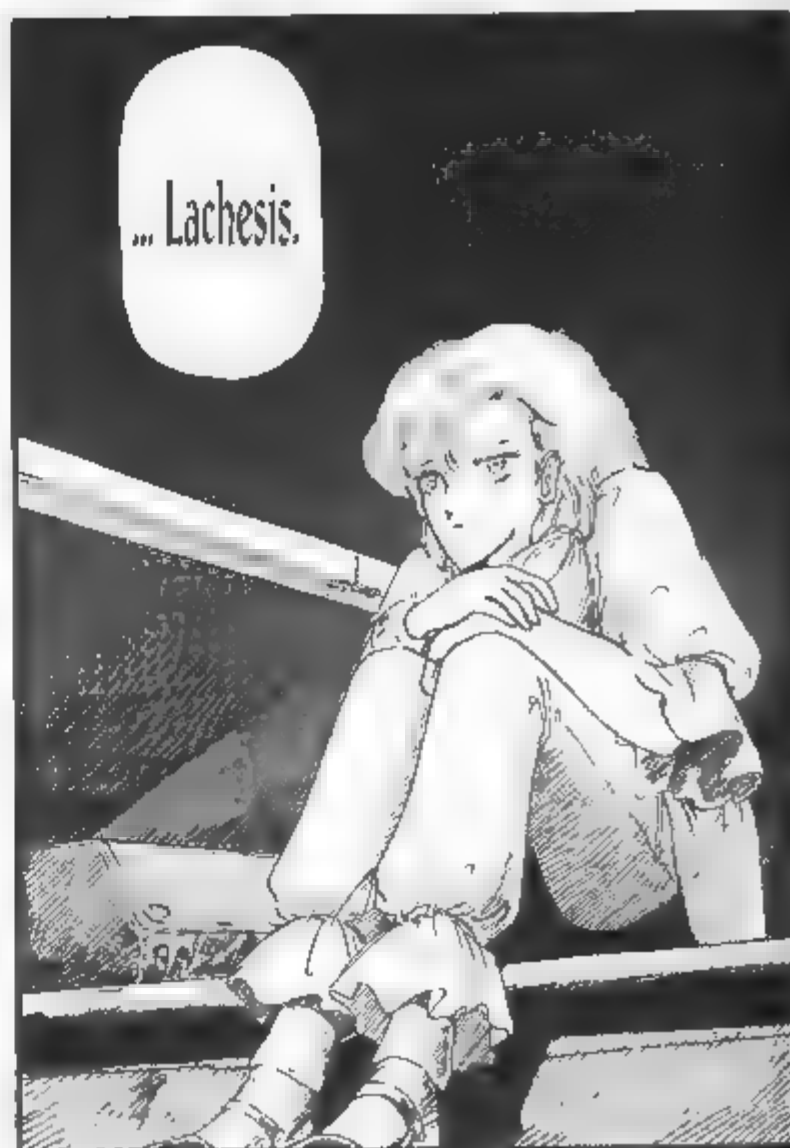
He ate half the cake by himself

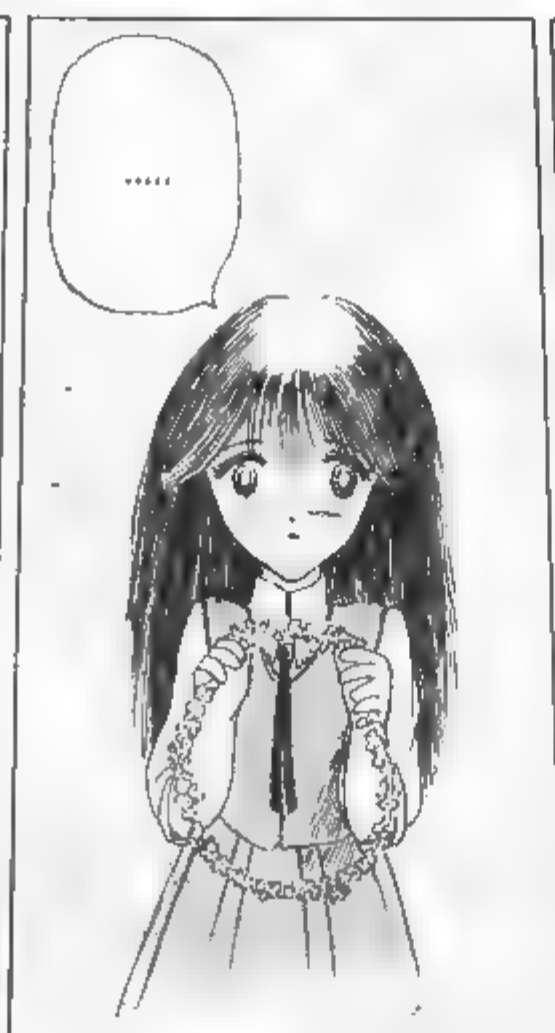
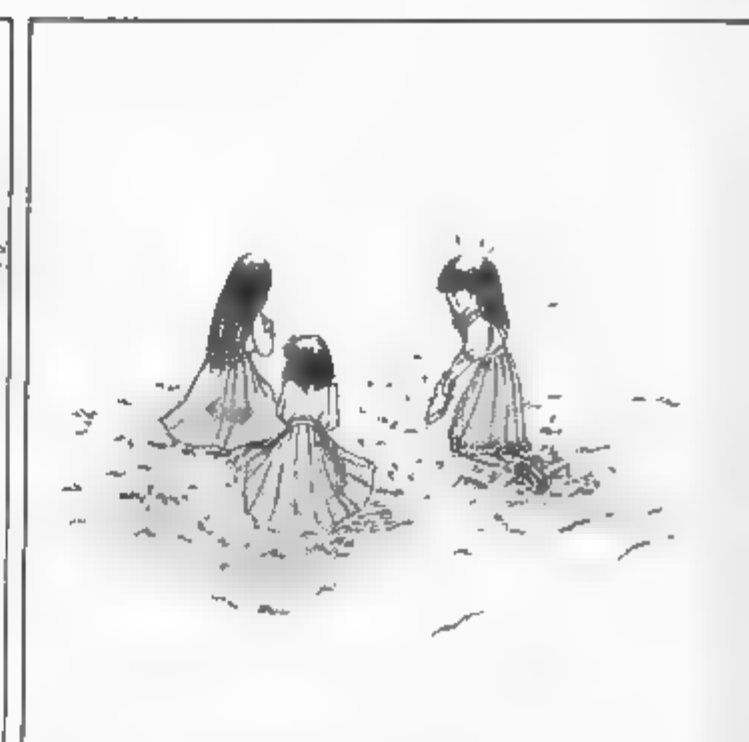
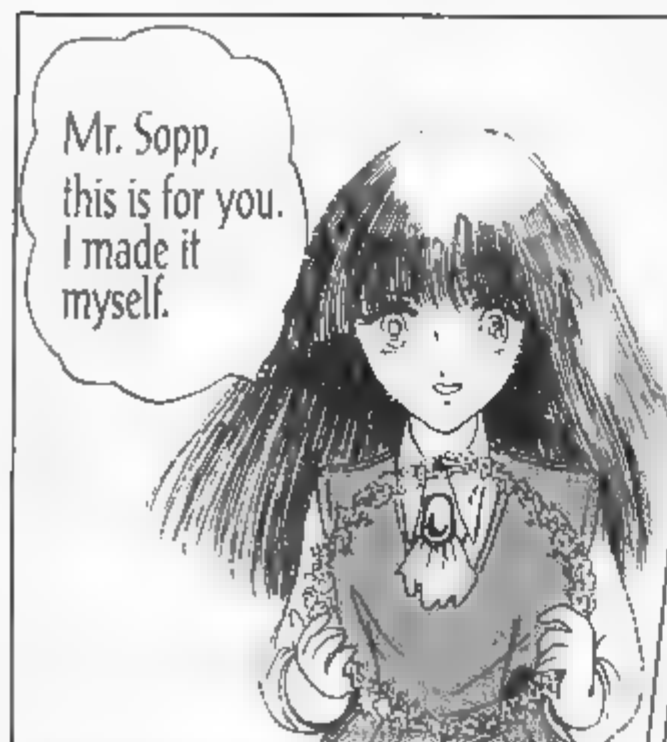
*The Trün Federation consists of Mnt, Alma and Lent territories





Lachesis





The next time they awaken from the capsules, they'll be fully grown fatimas.



You're awfully popular around here.



This is the last time you'll be allowed outdoors for a long time.



Enjoy yourselves little ones.



What do mean, Ballanche?



I'm going to build mortar heads that don't need fatimas.

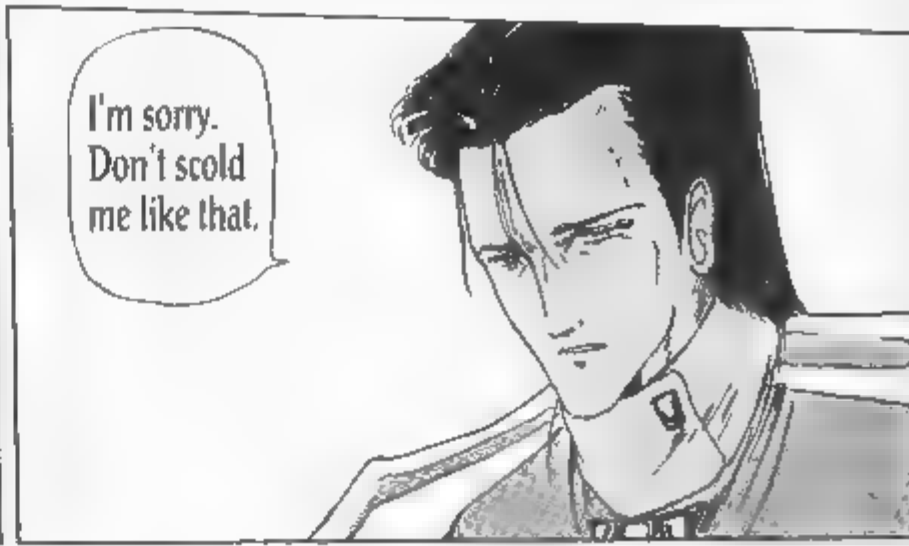


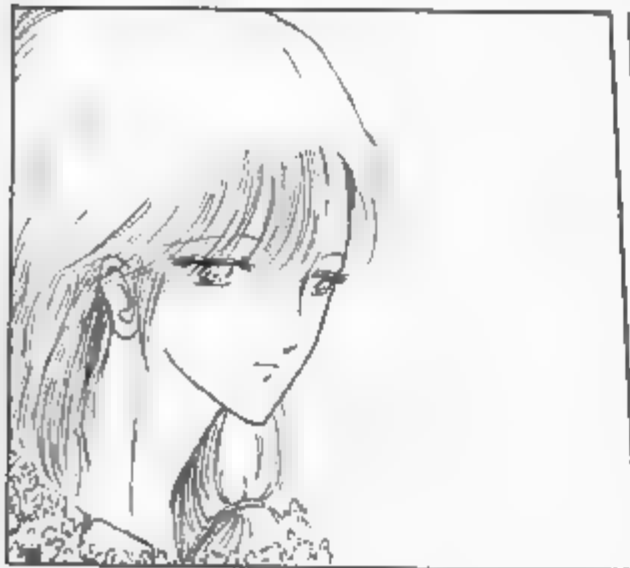
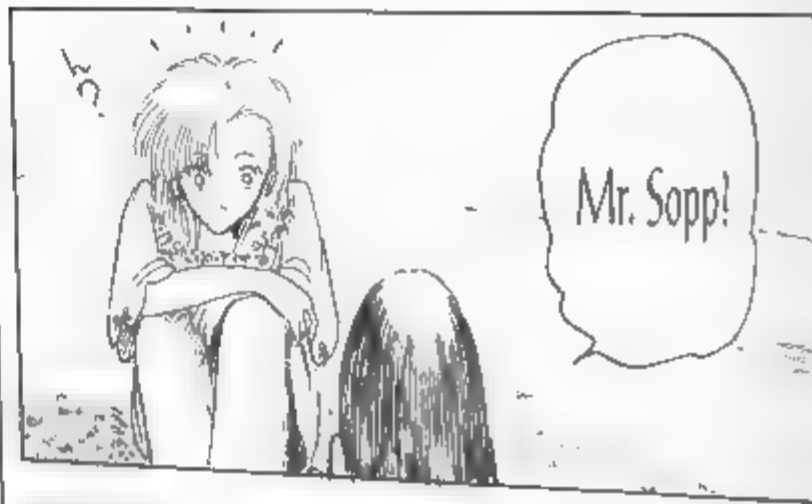
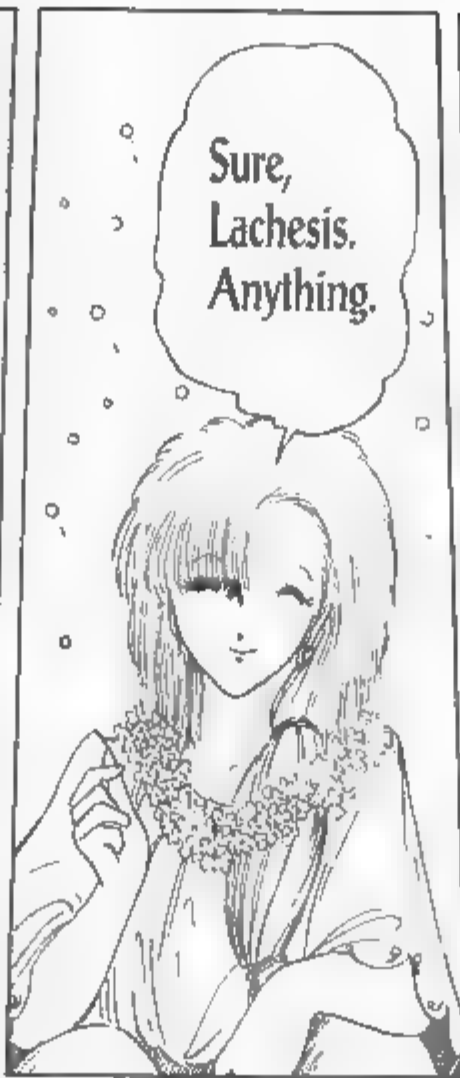
Let the knights die in battle! Alone! These kids shouldn't be used as weapons of destruction.



I don't get it. What's the difference between them and other children?

I'm sorry. Don't scold me like that.





And then we'll have our wedding ceremony in front of it.



So I'd like you to make a mortar headd out of gold, that'll shine for thousands of years, just for you and me.



You build mortar headds, right!

Okay. I'll see what I can do.

Hee Hee

Hee Hee



Uh huh.



Gold?

How much would something like that cost?

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GOLD



That was a long time ago.



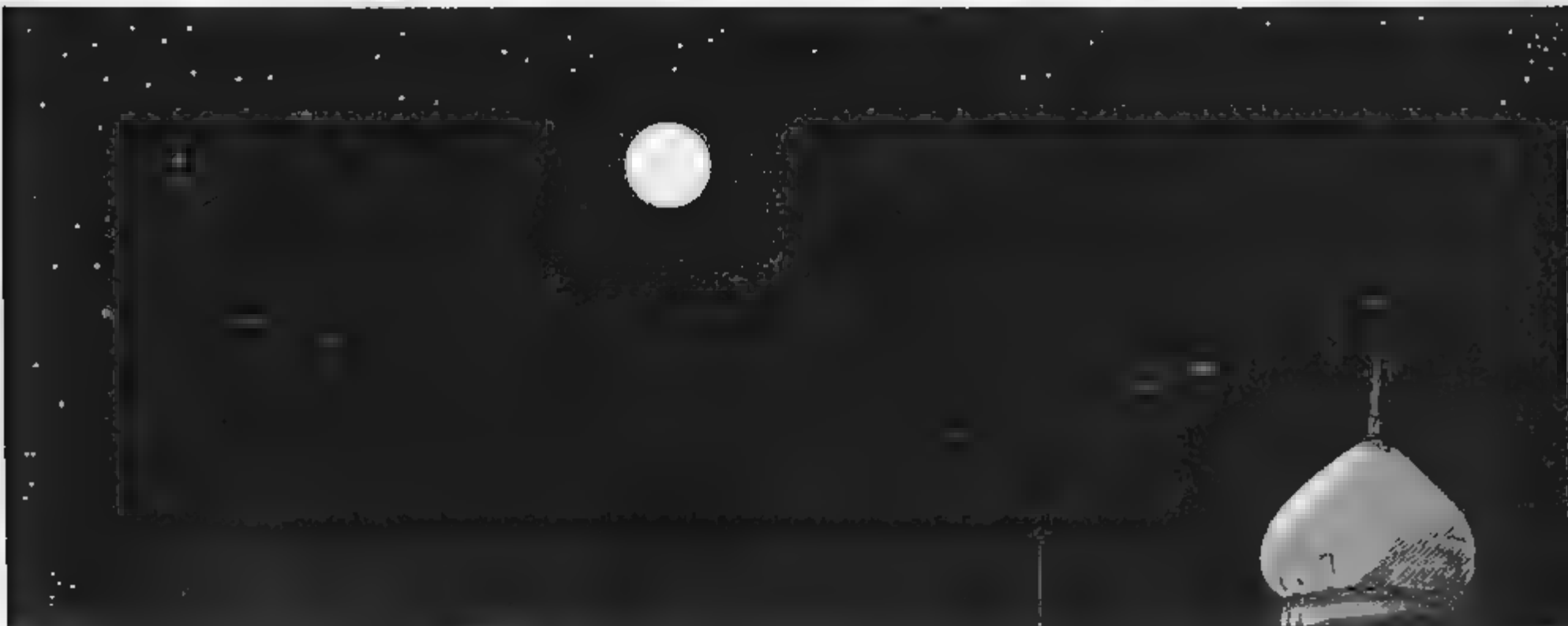
... For the day when Mr. Sopp comes riding up in his Knight of Gold to claim Lachesis, all grown up, for his very own.

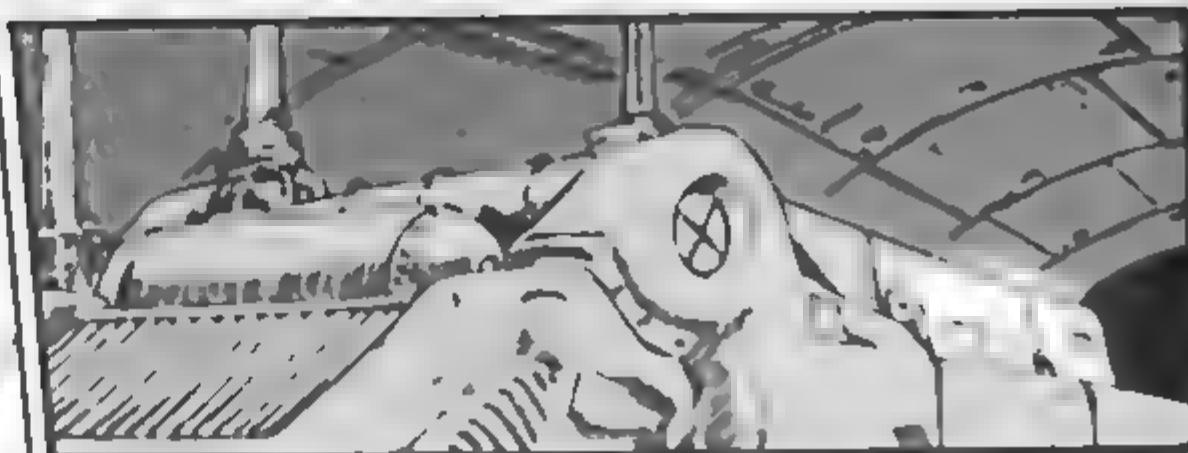
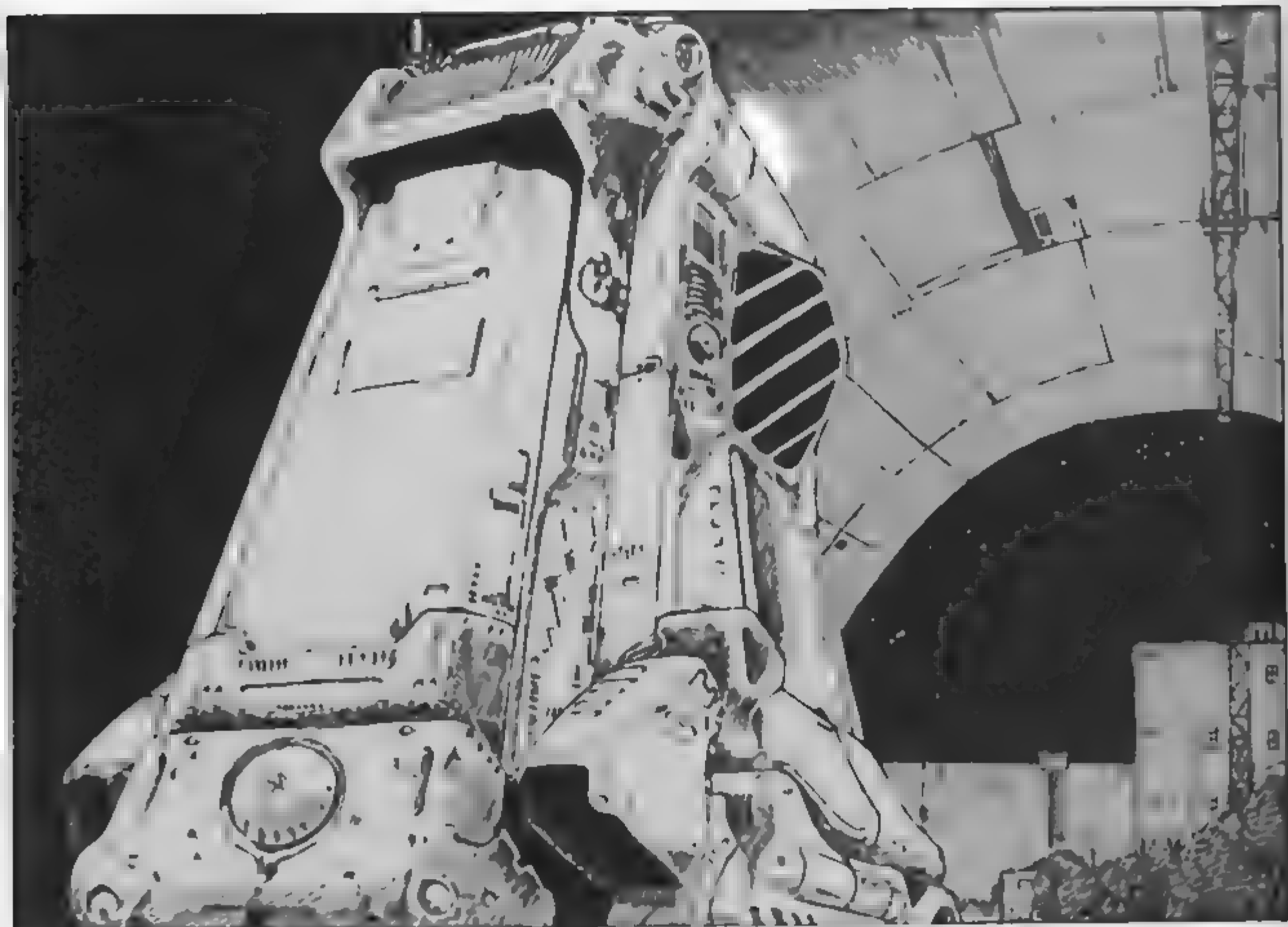
I'll pray while I'm in the capsule ...

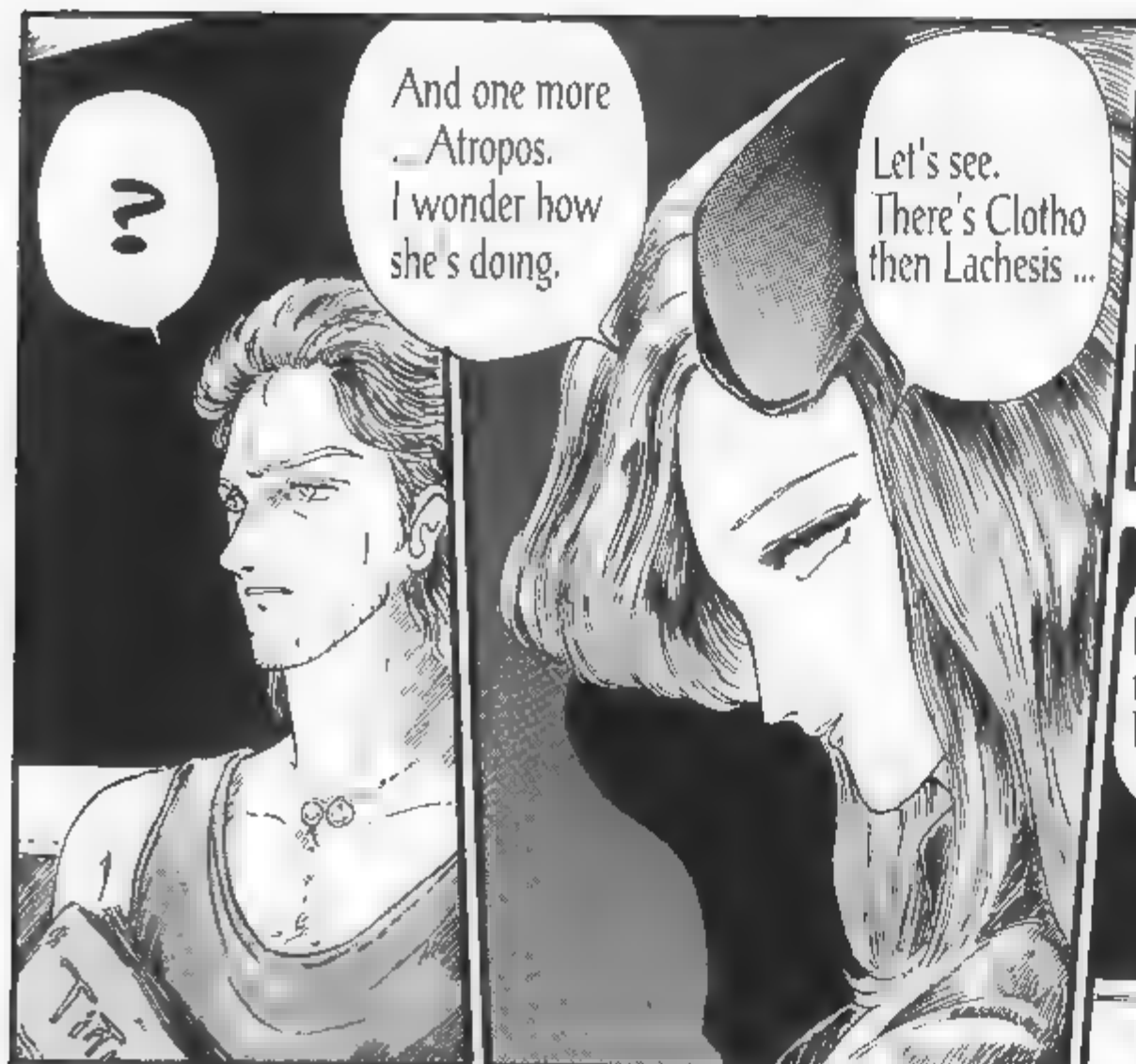


And one huge promise.









And one more
... Atropos.
I wonder how
she's doing.

Let's see.
There's Clotho
then Lachesis ...



I don't know
if I like him ...



He's a
mysterious
kind of guy.

... As much as I
find him a very
intriguing
fellow.



So that
makes those
three my
younger
sisters



I was raised by
him also along
with two sisters.
Alecto was the
oldest and Tisphone
the youngest

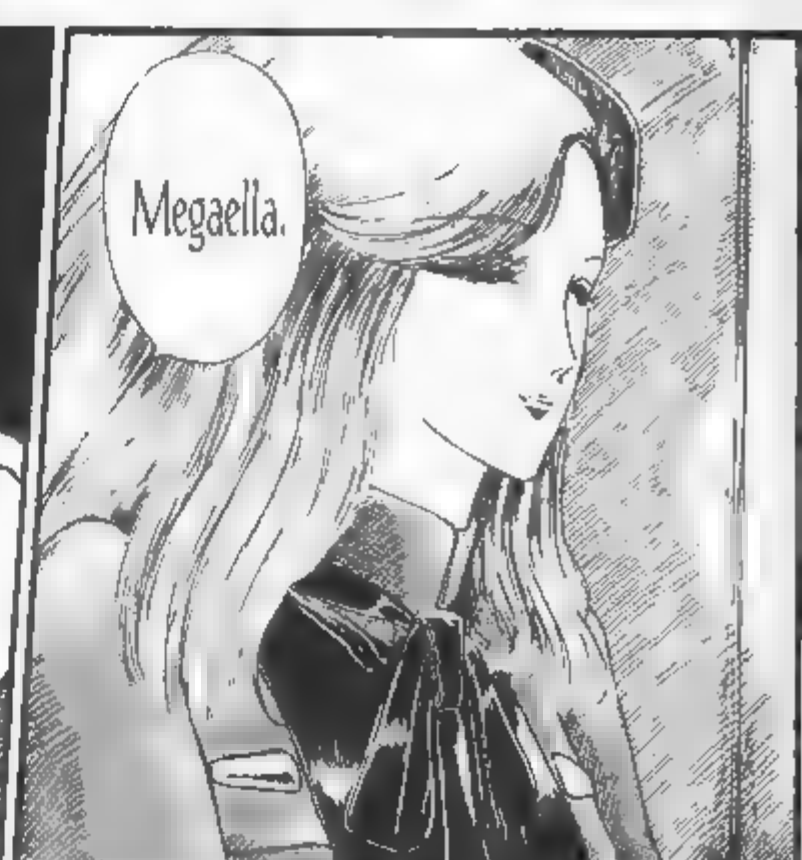


... And told
me from a
glance who
really built
the ship

... But he saw
through all the
camouflage I
added to the
MH.



I'd like for
you to meet
Sopp ...



Megaella.

Do as you see fit master

I'd like to keep our relationship the way it is now.

He's sure to recognize you as Ballanche's own Megaella.

And then put two and two together to find out who you really are!

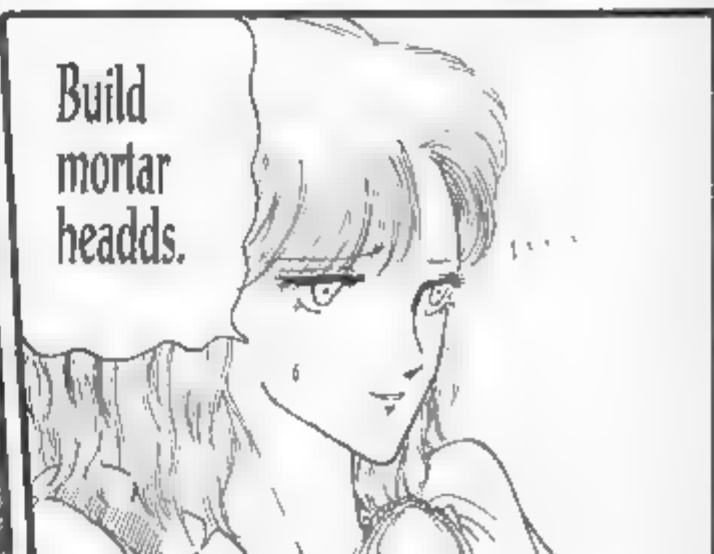
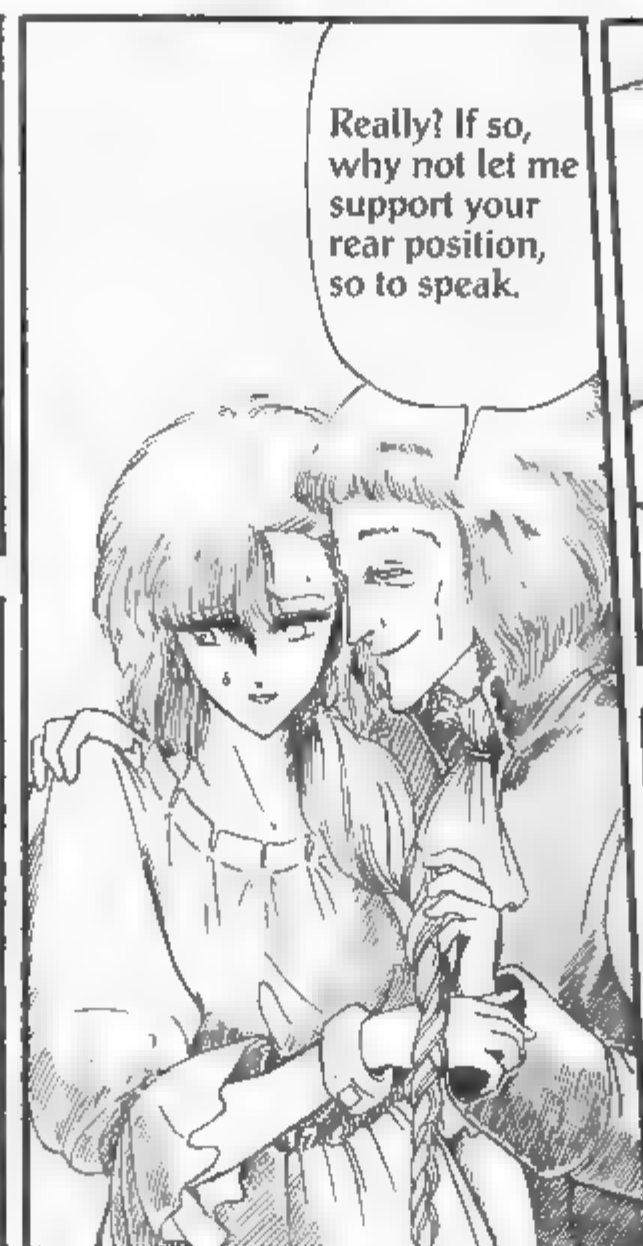
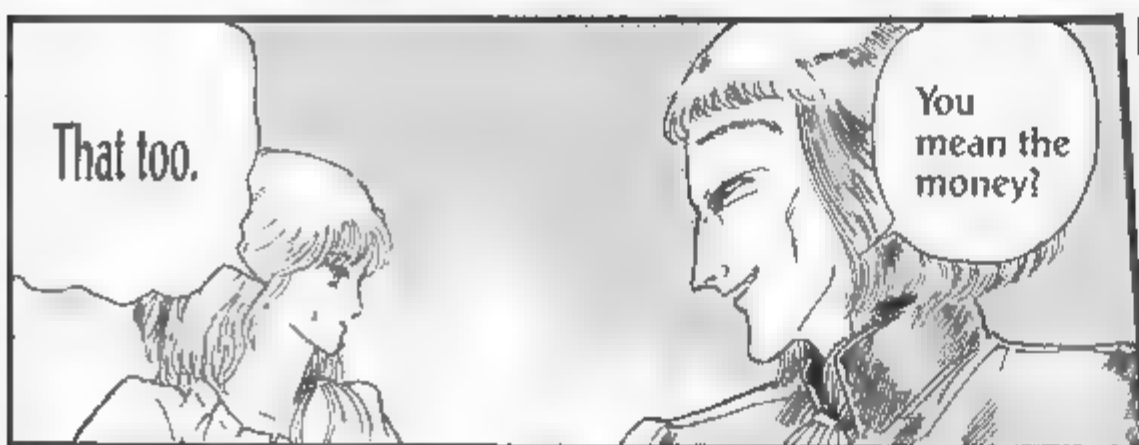
Are these the last of the parts for the Helmine?

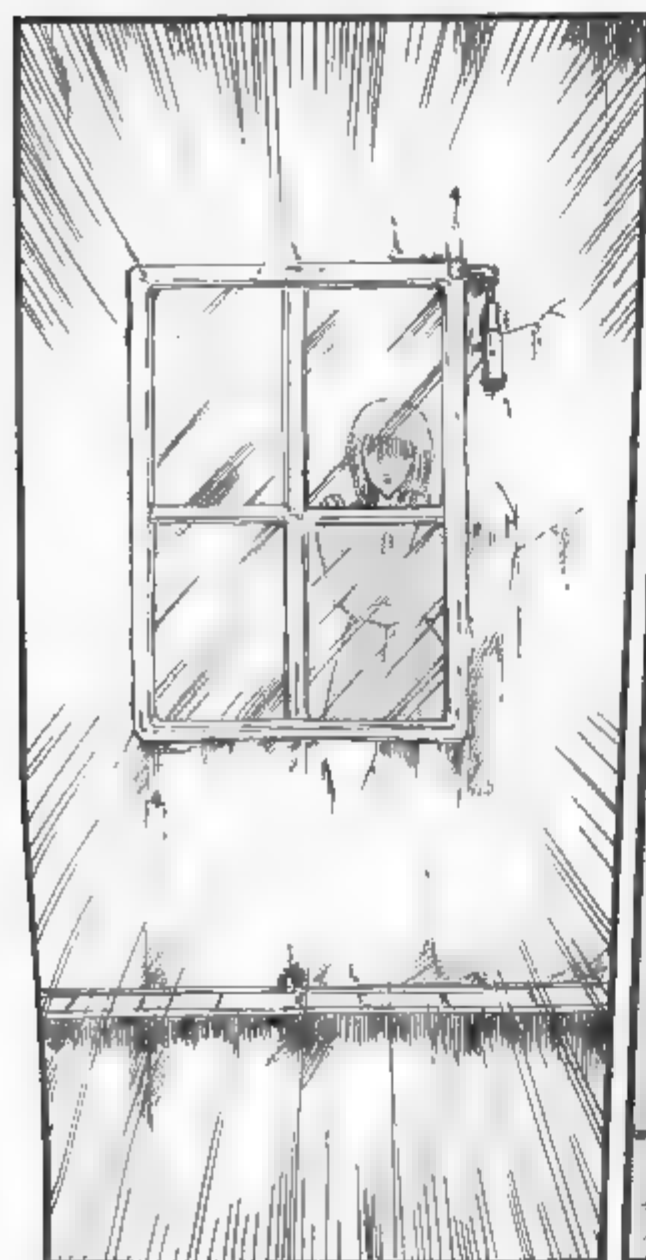
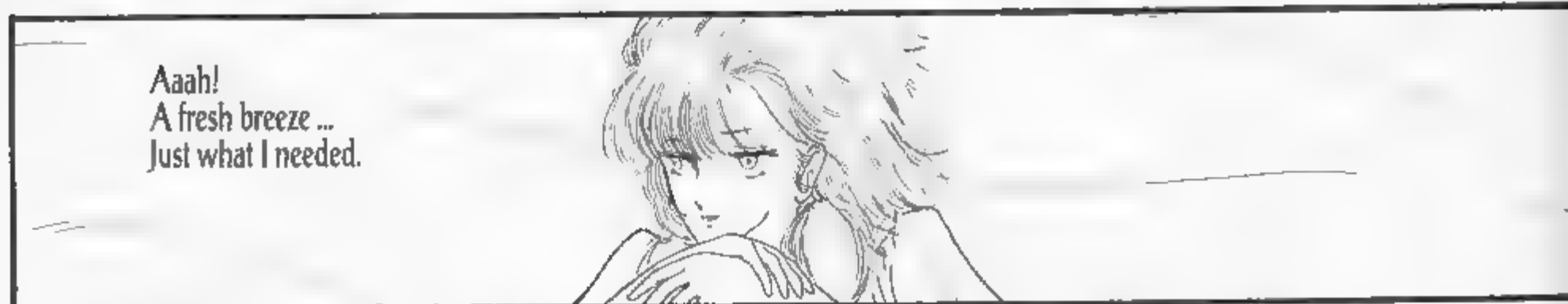
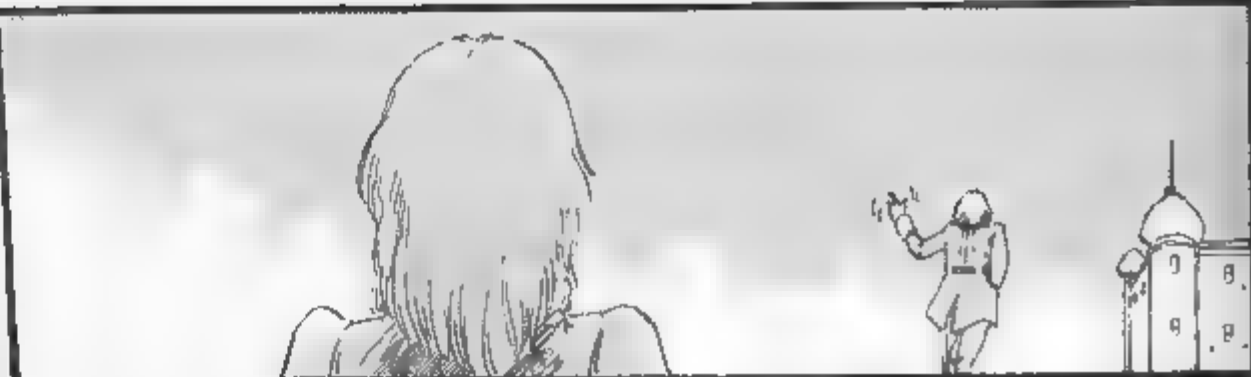
Okay. Let's store them below and call it a day.

Well, tomorrow's the big day.

Bring it down! Lower!

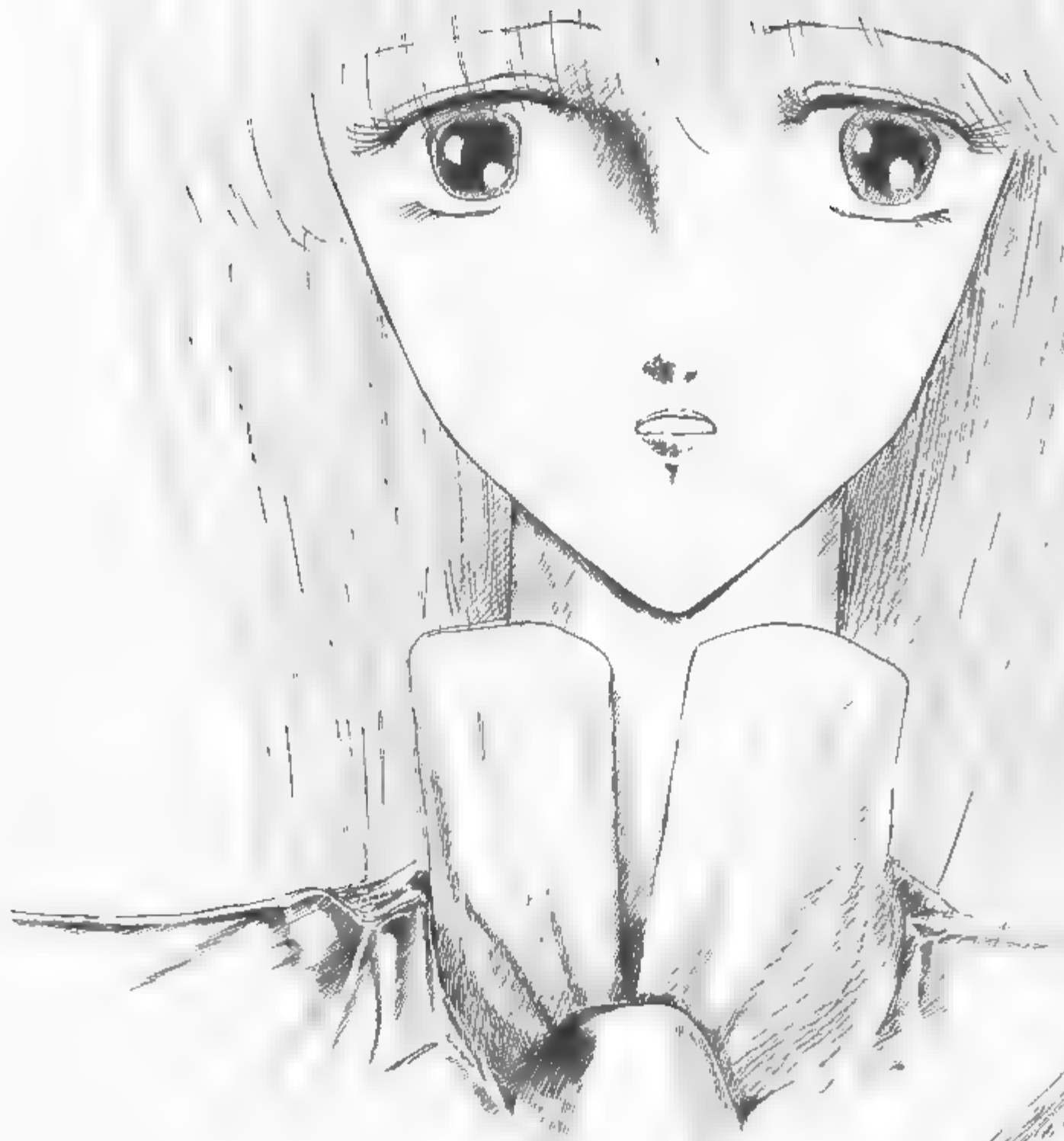
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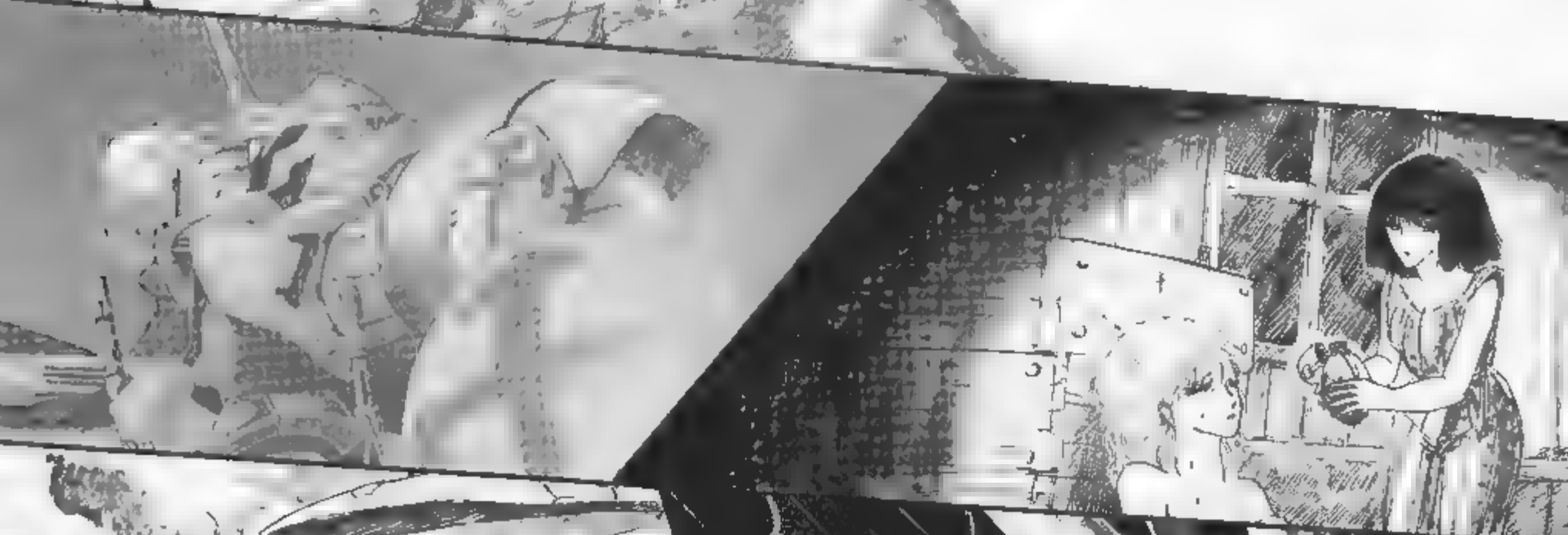
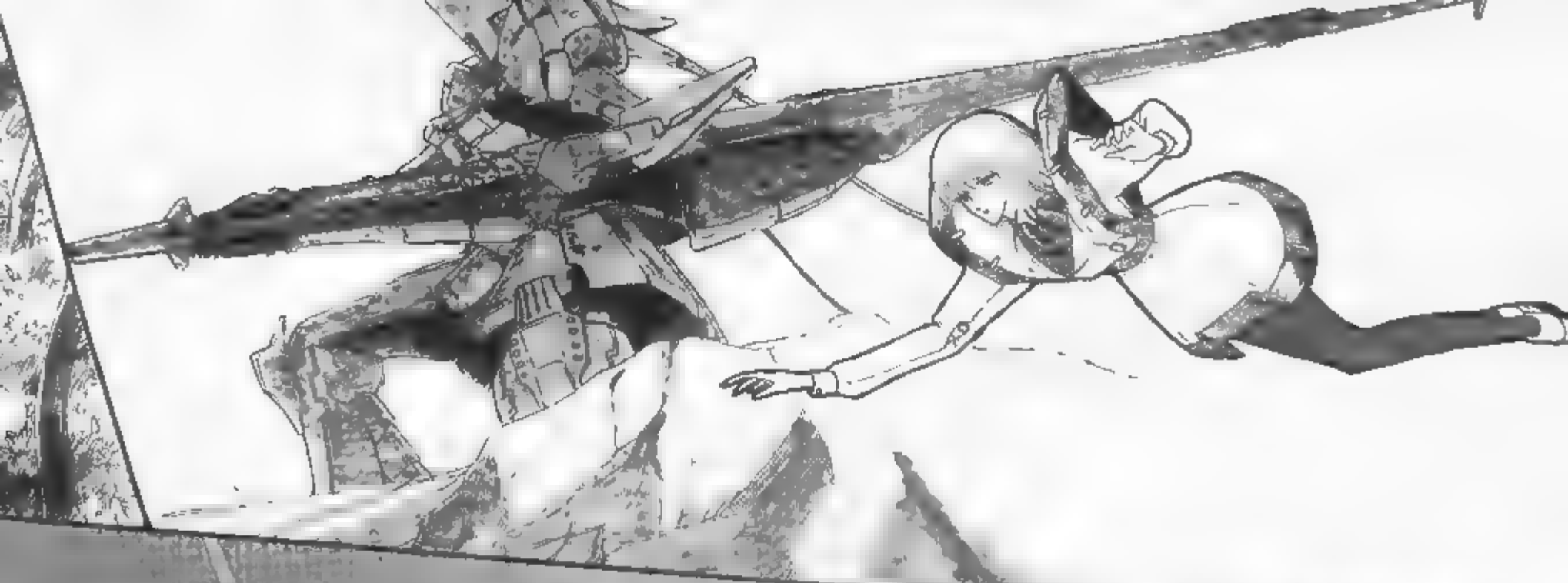


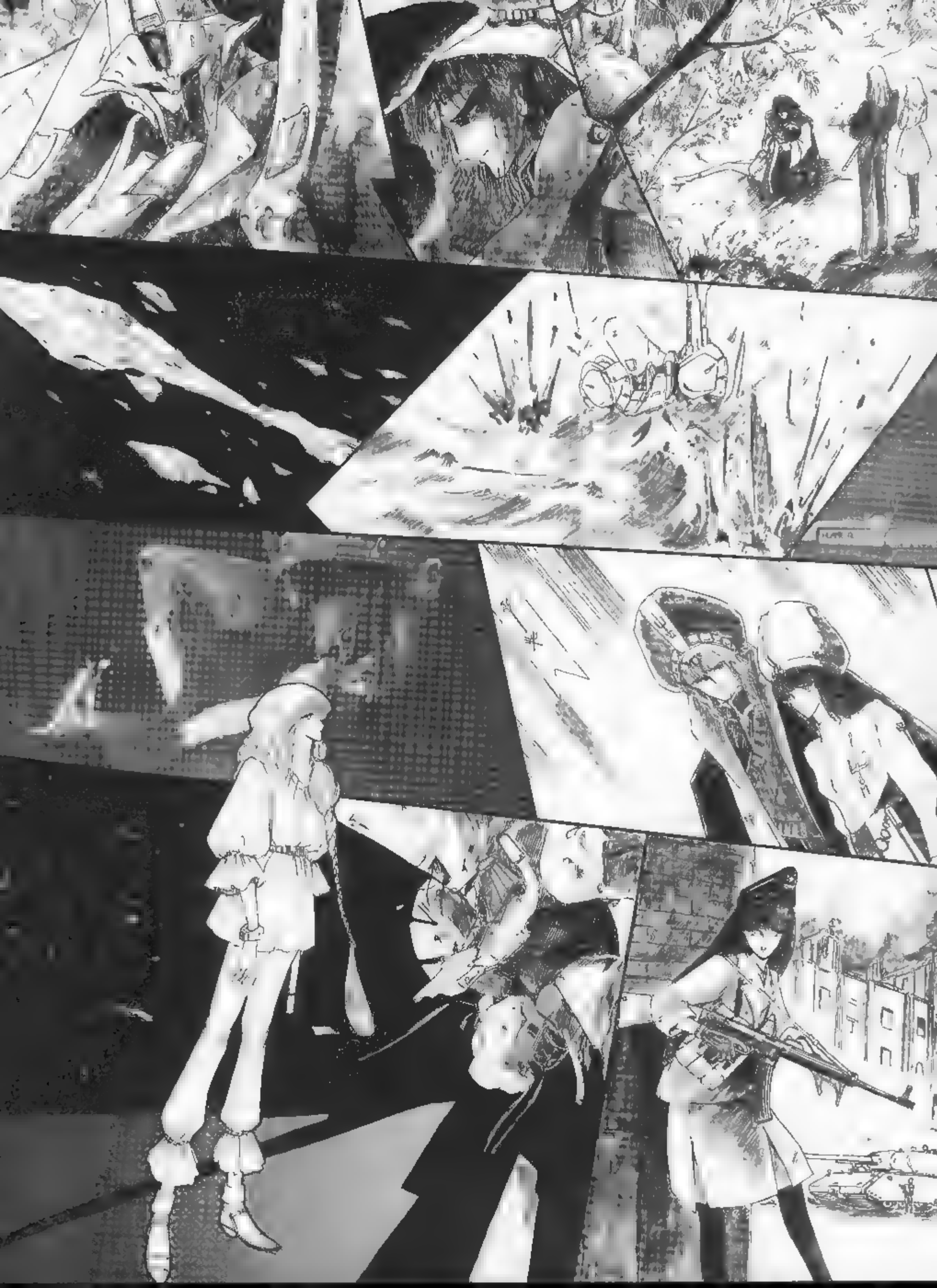


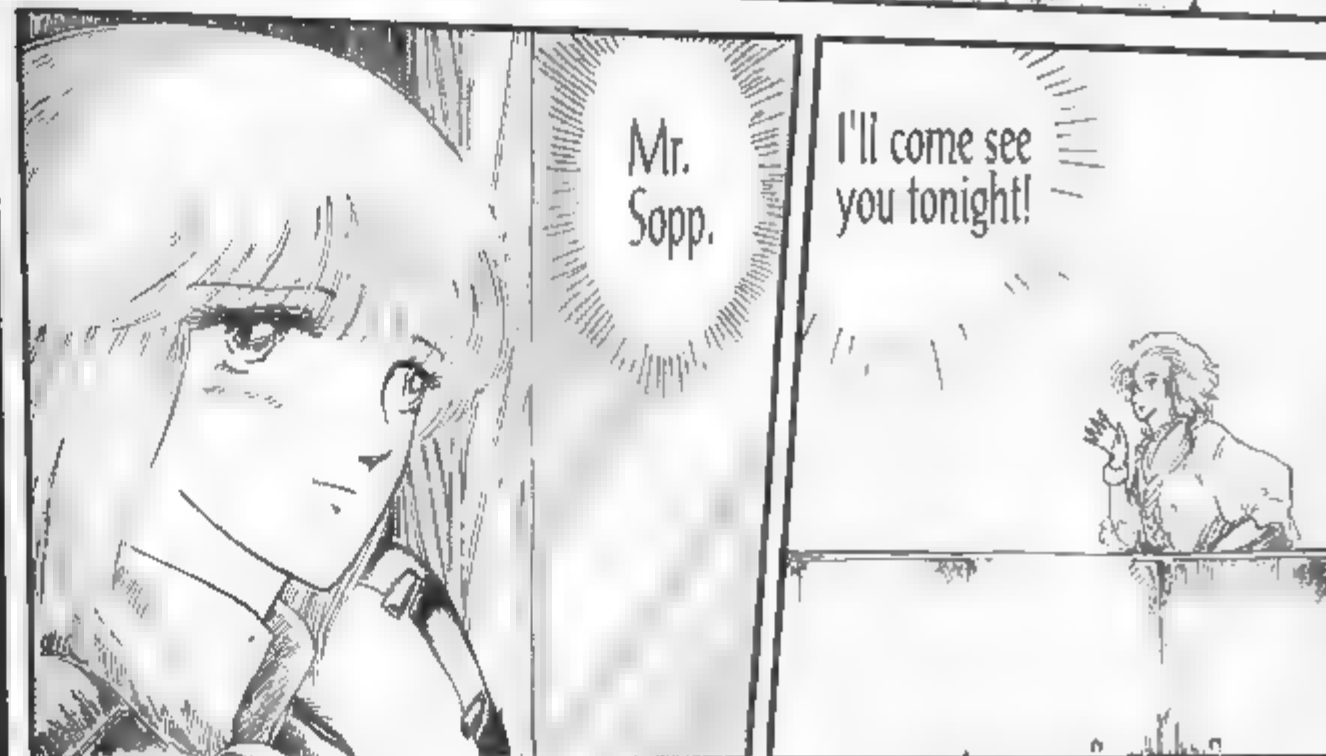
Lachesis ...!

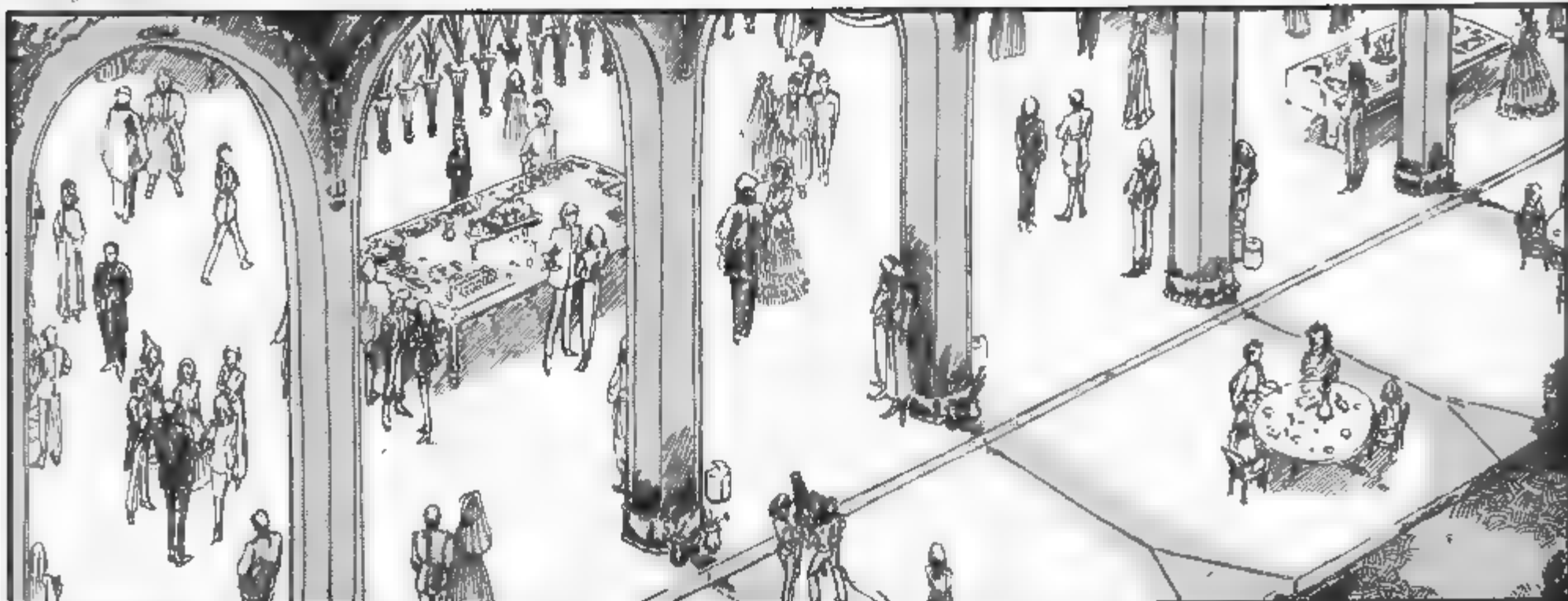














What?
Who do you
think you are!
I'll go wherever
I please.



What are you
hiding from me,
young lady?



That'd be a
hell of mess!

My lord, what
if her mind,
you know ...



Get this
numbskull ...

"This useless
baggage..."



Where am I?
Oh, Grand
Duke! Your
Highness.



Huh?



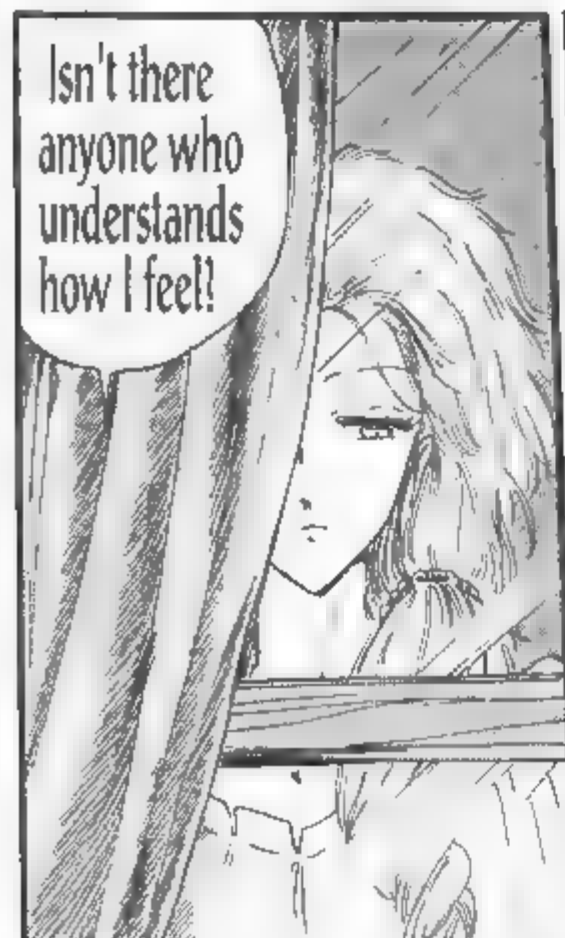
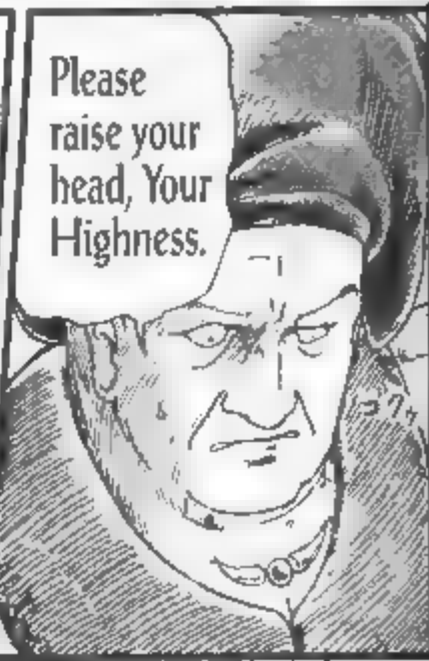
Lord Juda ...
Let me
apologize for
this ugly scene.



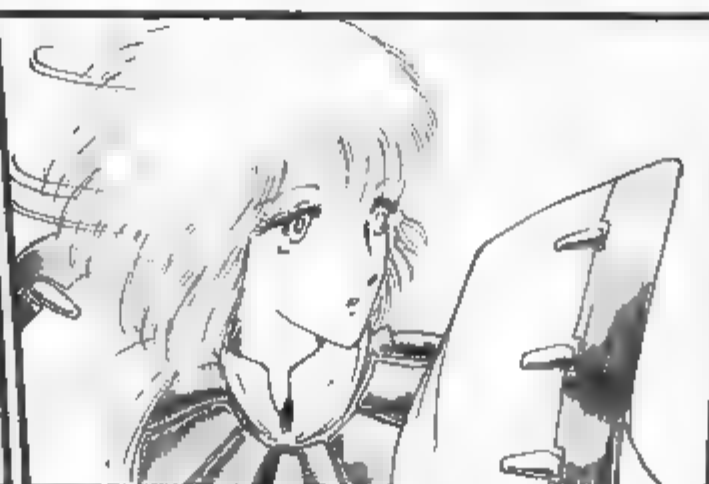
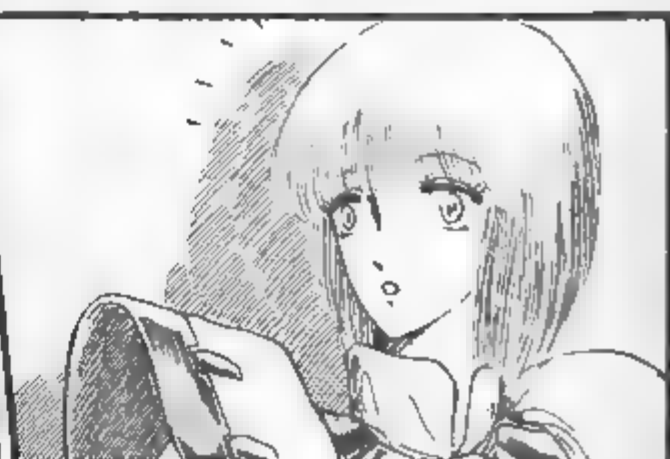
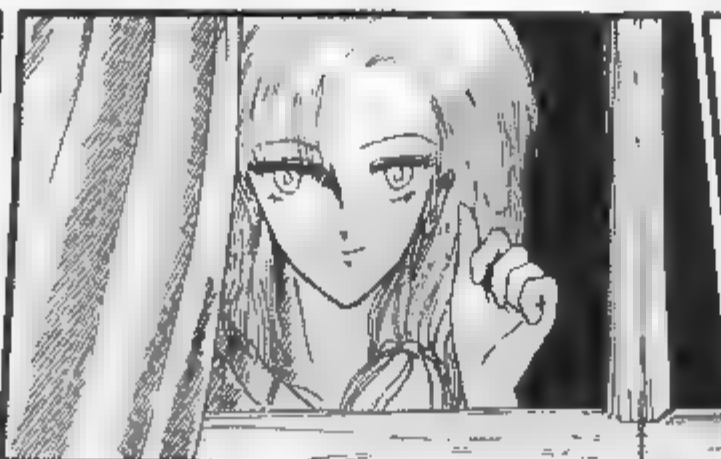
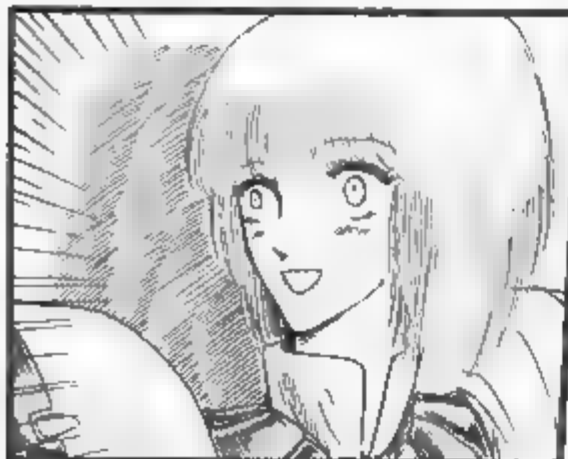
It seems that
the inexcusable
action of my
Mirages have
caused you
worry and
displeasure.



... Out of
my sight! ...



I understand.
I will take the
Grand Duke's
wishes under
serious
consideration.



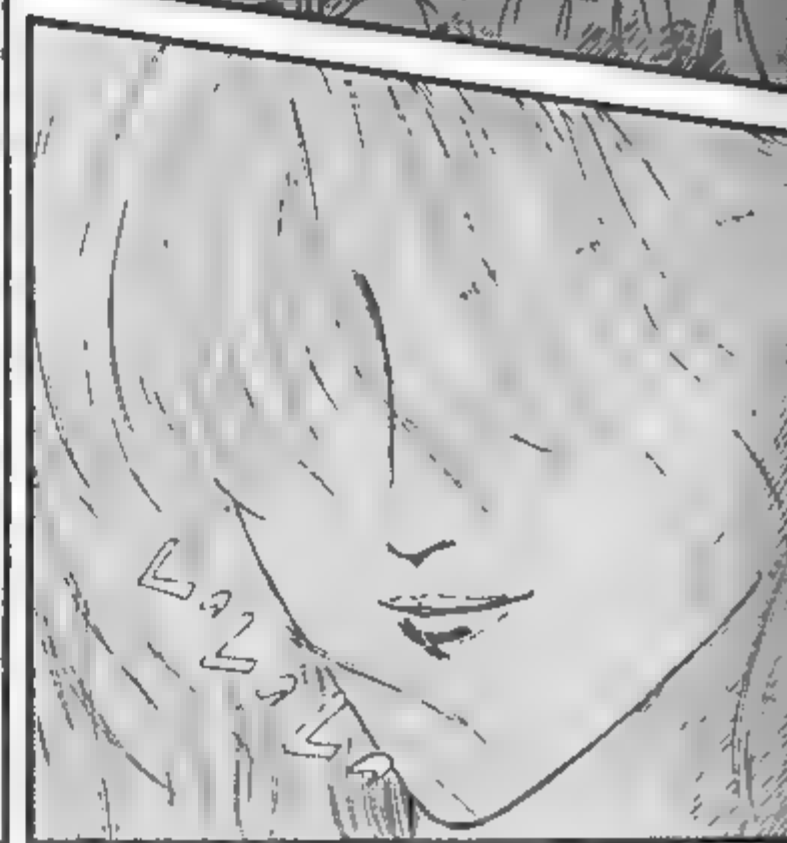
It will be
my pleasure.

Please excuse
me. Let's talk
again after
the debut.

Well, Lachesis.
Are you ready
to consent?

Did you see that,
Pejoit! The Emperor
of Light kneeling
before me!





To be continued....

- JC 3230 Amaterasu requests the countries of Kalamity Gooders to join the AKD, but following the lead of the Fillmore Empire, which boasts the planet's longest and most illustrious history, they ignore the request.
- JC 3234 Amaterasu launches a military invasion of Kalamity Gooders, but is met with strong resistance by a united defense force that has thoroughly studied his military strategy and tactical procedures.
- JC 3238 The Mirage Knights join the invasion of Kalamity Gooders as the war rages down.
- JC 3239 Saint approaches Kalamity, which experiences violent upheavals in the planet's crust and chaotic magnetic fluctuations. Rescue and emigration from Kalamity is stepped up. Amaterasu boards the Knight of Gold and leads the entire Mirage Knight corps in an all-out attack on the Fillmore Empire; it is the last action anyone will take on his planet doomed to destruction by the approach of Saint. During the attack, KOC stalls on a ship, while crossing Lake Niblaeug, and just before Kalamity explodes, Amaterasu is elected to safety, leaving the MHI and Lachesis stranded on the lake in order to lessen the shock from the impending volcanic explosion. KOC uses the buster launcher to dig a 4000 kilometer crater in the planet's crust and drops a shock-resistant gelatin bomb into the Lake; however, nothing can save Lachesis from the explosion, as she and KOC are blown somewhere out on the dimensional edge.
- JC 3330 The Battle of Kalamity is spectacularly conclusive, and survivors from the defeated Kalamity forces move to the Planet of Graves, where they commence anti-Amaterasu resistance activities.
- JC 3333 Amaterasu, upon consent from the only non-AKD planet, who is enthroned as emperor of the Joker Galaxy.
- JC 3345 The LFD Dragon awakens.
- JC 3400-3900 Mortar head manufacture is slowed by natural resource scarcity. The leader of Iuno, King Colus V, begins a large-scale program to improve his country's MHI force led by the Berans. Because the outcome of any battle is invariably decided by a clash of MHI, the anti-Amaterasu resistance forces scattered throughout the Galaxy assist in his efforts.
- JC 3910 The knights of the anti-Amaterasu resistance gather on Iuno. Amaterasu reveals plans to conquer Iuno.
- JC 3952 Amaterasu launches his last expeditionary invasion and heads for Iuno. A messenger is dispatched from Roth to Amaterasu. It is Atropos.
- JC 3960 The heir apparent to the Colus Dynasty, Colus VI, escapes to Roth with the help of Alenta, princess of Ba Lanka. The three royal families of the Colus Dynasty sound an alarm to the four corners of the Galaxy. The Black Knight Grand Sydman, in the employ of the Colus Dynasty, conceals Luncheon and Clotho deep in the thick forests of the continent of Borisho.
- Grand Sydman is killed by a Mirage Knight while trying to escape. Amaterasu establishes the Union of Galactic Kingdoms. Atropos teams up with Mirage Knight headliner Upandla Raymu.
- JC 3967 Amaterasu entrusts all of his authority to his eldest son, Upandla Raymu, a fatima created by Dr. Balanche, and retires into seclusion. At the same time, F.V. Rogner and the other Mirage Knights are captured and sealed.
- JC 3968 Empress Runka, a remnant of the Colus Dynasty's Meister family, gives birth to Daizina, then dies at the hand of Amaterasu. Daizina disappears.
- JC 3998 Amaterasu becomes deeply concerned over his aging fatimas and puts them to sleep. Galaxy MHI continues to switch over to the non-humanoid Etohamuru fatimas, and humanoid fatimas rarely appear in public. The headliner population is also decreasing. In a galaxy controlled by a single oppressive ruler, Upandla, the number of mortar heads is also on the decrease, becoming superannuated and decrepit. This year marks the beginning of Upandla's reign of terror.
- JC 4044 Daizina Meister finds her way to Kastenpo on Roth.
- JC 4050 Daizina Meister meets Colus VI, who is working for the anti-Amaterasu resistance in Kastenpo.
- JC 4061 After wandering aimlessly throughout the Galaxy, Colus VI is awakened to his headliner heritage after being shown the mortar heads that have been mustered for the resistance.
- JC 4062 Colus begins training for combat, and the many knights he meets seem also to be descendants of his ancestors, generations of headliners.
- JC 4075 Luncheon and Clotho are discovered, but Clotho remains sealed and will not awaken.
- JC 4076 Colus V meets Weylouth, possibly another headliner descendant.
- JC 4080 Civil war breaks out on Iuno, and Colus VI takes command of the anti-Amaterasu resistance forces in the conflict.
- JC 4082 An Amaterasu mortar head, Wanderschaltz, defects to Colus' side.
- JC 4088 Headliners and fatimas who have been hiding throughout the Galaxy flock to Colus' side.
- JC 4090 Colus liberates Roth. After the devastation of AKD forces invading Kastenpo by an LFD Dragon intern, the Upandla regime gradually loses control of the situation, initiating the decline and fall of the AKD, but Amaterasu refuses to step in.
- JC 4093 Civil war breaks out on Delta Beton.
- JC 4100 The Floating Temple, the symbol of the AKD, is destroyed. Colus, Luncheon and Upandla's Knight of Gold engage on the battlefield. Two tates hurry to the fray. Delta Beton is consumed in the quasar interior of the LFD Dragons.
- Amaterasu returns to Colus V the sword he received from Colus II, signifying Colus VI as the true heir to the Colus dynasty. The citizens of Delta Beton leave the planet along with the Mirage Knights in The Will, in search of Lachesis. The god of Light has failed them.
- JC 4101 Colus VI liberates the Galaxy.
- JC 4103 Colus VI marries Daizina.
- JC 4255 Colus VI passes away at the age of 295.
- JC 4300 The mortar heads gradually fall into disrepair. The headliners also gradually disappear, some taking their fatimas with them, some alone. The era of war and destruction goes on, as the world continues its regression towards the primeval.

[The Era of the The Will Galaxy]*

- JC 5899 On an unknown planet, the Knight of Gold is transformed into a meteorite and crashes.
- JC 6599 Lachesis awakens and, with the Knight of Gold, joins a space war with another civilization. In the aftermath, uncontrollable bursts of energy from KOC hurt them again and again into time gaps and lost abysses.
- JC 6787 In one planetary war, Lachesis is unable to activate the Knight of Gold, so this incomparable fatima takes command of a local cyborg weapon, called an Imperian, to continue the fight.
- JC 6800 Amaterasu bonds the MHI Gold Mirage also known as Magda's Chivalries.
- JC 6850 Amaterasu and Lachesis, each on their own, travel from planet to universe encountering new human species and life forms.
- JC 7199 Lachesis lands on a mechanized planet and repairs the Knight of Gold.
- JC 7281 Amaterasu converses with the Obelisk Monument, which seems to contain a memory of people from the Joker Galaxy.
- JC 7343 Lachesis suddenly finds herself on Earth in Poland during January 1945. She hides the Knight of Gold in the Baltic Sea and goes to fight in the Battle of Berlin. On 7 May she leaves the Division Nordlandic for France, then returns to the Baltic Sea and falls asleep.
- JC 7451 Lachesis awakens in the Earth year of 2187 and returns to space.
- JC 7563 Lachesis transcends time to appear in the Joker Galaxy in JC 2043. She meets the 23-year-old prince of Cyres, Amaterasu. After planting a memory of their encounter, she leaves the Galaxy.
- JC 7777 Lachesis and Amaterasu are reunited on the emerald planet of Fortune and are married. They bear a daughter, Kalen, and the human species begins a new phase in its evolution.

*Time in the The Will era is measured in the years actually passed by Amaterasu, but in Joker time it is 5,672,000,000 years in length.

Chronology

(Last Millennia of the AD Era)

- AD 4000** Luna is discovered.
Both is reclaimed and colonized.
An alliance of imper-Humanities founds the super-empire Eha-lus der kanaan.
- AD 5000** Reign of the Burning Empress.
The Galaxy establishes a first principles of pure science.
The rise of intimidating warriors and powerful wizards.
Invention of the most destructive weapon known to man: the Buster Launcher.
- AD 6000** Heliom of interstellar exploration.
Continuous intergalactic wars cause such devastation to existing races and cultures that the human species becomes incapable of retaining its historical legacy in fact.
- AD 8000** A geophysical world of four solar systems begins to take form. Reclamation of planets take place on a galactic scale as the deserts of Adder and Pestko, the desert planet to its sun, are made inhabitable.
- AD 9000** Interstellar exploration reaches an impasse and space adventurers return to their home planets.
The influence of Eha-lus der kanaan wanes as new independent states rise.
Buster control technology is perfected.
Population of the external combustion "cylinder" engine, a technical spin-off from Buster launcher know-how.

(The Joker Millennia)*

- JC 0001** Slavery is achieved on the planets of the Galaxy's four solar systems as interplanetary diplomatic agreements are negotiated and enacted, marking the beginning of the Joker Era.
At this point in time, however, human civilization reaches its pinnacle and begins its descent. The Joker Galaxy enters an era of senescence and decline. A civilization that once advanced into the outer reaches of the universe experimented with speeds exceeding light and sought existence beyond the three dimensions is slowing down. The human race is now in a process of reverse evolution. From this point on, the world be witness of significant historical change even in millennial terms.
- JC 0980** Birth of the mortar head, a battle machine modeled after the human anatomy and designed in the artistic style of science-fiction engineering.
- JC 2000** In the Kingdom of Crees on eastern De-la-Reion, the second planet in the Eastern Solar System, the albino Amaterasu Dis-Grand Crees Fywas is born and destined to become the kingdom's bathinon-reh.
- JC 2020** Scientific genius Chromium Balance publishes her research on organic humanoid computer systems.
- JC 2040** Emperor Amaterasu uses his exquisite beauty and charming wit with his superior intellect to gain unwavering support from the people of De-la-Reion's eastern bloc of countries.
- JC 2087** Amaterasu and Luta are married. Luta will be childless at the young age of 15, equivalent to 25 years of age in early time. On the average, humans of the Joker Galaxy live to the age of around 300.

- JC 2135** Amaterasu makes improvements in the cylinder external combustion engine used throughout the Galaxy to generate heavy energy.
- JC 2200** The beginning of a century of unequal international disputes and military aggression, promoted in part by the mortar head's ability to minimize casualties and destruction of property in the process of territorial expansion.
- JC 2310** A data processor greatly improving the control of mortar head's is developed by the mad scientist L-Dium Balance. It is called the "Lutina," an artificial life-form physiologically identical to human beings.
- JC 2324** Amaterasu is enthroned as the ruler of Crees at the age of 304. Over a thirty-year period he has contributed much to the cause of international peace among the countries of De-la-Reion.
- JC 2397** Despite his 577 years, Amaterasu has remarkably not aged significantly since reaching adulthood.
- JC 2400** Amaterasu's Eastern Solar System and the Northern Solar System, which is ruled by large and powerful countries, attain a state of relatively peaceful coexistence while the smaller countries scattered throughout the Southern and Western Solar Systems remain in political turmoil. It is a time of mass production of both mortar heads and lutinas.
- JC 2629** Amaterasu makes the acquaintance of the scientific genius Chrome Balance.
- JC 2810** Amaterasu spends ten years recruiting a corps of superior headliners to act as his imperial guard and names them the Mirage Knights.
- JC 2813** Amaterasu's imperial guards are organized into an order of knights known as the First Eastern Mirage Corps, which is given command of the rest of the imperial armed forces and charged with employing the mortar heads in quelling international military incidents.
- JC 2875** Amaterasu unites the ten eastern countries surrounding the Kingdom of Crees, similarly in the Southern Solar System, Cocus I, ruler of the super power on the planet Luna forms the kingdoms on his borders into the Cocus Dynasty.
Cocus III is born.
- JC 2878** Amaterasu is appointed planetary president of De-la-Reion.
- JC 2899** Amaterasu unites De-la-Reion into an organization called Amaterasu Kingdom Demosnes (hereafter AKD). The report of this action is greeted with surprise and apprehension throughout the Galaxy.
Dr. Rulanche completes the AKD flagship battle cruiser the Lucra.
- JC 2900** A scarcity of natural resources in the Galaxy reaches critical proportions and some synthetic materials have existed for thousands of years begin to transform and elaborate.
Kalamity Coudes, the second planet in the Northern Solar System, begins to transform under the influence of its own planetary reclamation activities.
Amaterasu is 880 years old.
- JC 2955** Completion of Amaterasu's warborne palace, the

Floating Temple, an island 25 kilometers across hovering 3000 meters in the atmosphere above the planet.

- JC 2987** One of the Galaxy's most authoritative scientists, Dr. Rulanche, decides that a lutina debut will not be held for Atropos, one of his three tales of destiny, and allows her to escape.
- JC 2988** Dr. Rulanche's final two lutinas, Lachesis and Clotho, come of age. Amaterasu acquires Lachesis while Clotho is taken into the care of Luna's King Cocus III.
- JC 2989** Three leading edge mortar heads, called LED Mirages, join the forces of the Cocus Dynasty against neighboring aggressor Hagooda. M-H Minister Lucius Supp is entrusted with the jeweled sword of the Cocus Royal Family and the royal family's M-H luncheon is sealed shut with Clotho inside.
- JC 2992** Atropos begins 350 years of seclusion with an infant LED Dragon.
- JC 2994** Magdal and Depre are born in the Republic of Hahultha in the Western Solar System.
- JC 3007** The LED Mirage fleet and Amaterasu's Knight of Gold are exhibited before the Galaxy Second phase of the Mirage Knights.
- JC 3009** Completion of the heavy M-H flag Mage known as the "monster of the Mage Knight's" due to its dual buster cannon design.
- JC 3010** The "Majestic Stand" begins, and the Galaxy is thrown into greater political turbulence than it has ever experienced.
- JC 3079** Princess Magdal is crowned ruler of the Holy Led A-Tol Empire.
- JC 3159** Amaterasu suddenly launches a military attack on the Rent Republic of the neighboring planet of Adder.
- JC 3162** Adder is incorporated into the AKD and becomes Amaterasu's base of military operations, commanding a huge galactic expeditionary force.
- JC 3180** Amaterasu begins construction of the Galaxy's largest space vessel, The World.
- JC 3185** Construction of The World is completed, and enthusiasm is heightened among the people over galactic unification.
Amaterasu is 1,055 years old.
- JC 3199** Amaterasu launches an invasion of Both in the Western Solar System. Many of the planet's residents welcome the invasion as the arrival of political stability, a chaotic situation that has continued since the beginning of the Majestic Stand, so Both is quickly incorporated into the AKD. However, the region of Kasterpa on the continent of Qinnan for some reason is able to retain its former status as a free and autonomous district and only the Holy Led A-Tol Empire is granted sovereignty.
- JC 3225** The moving solar system of Stant with a 400-year orbit approaches the Joker Galaxy, and it is predicted that Stant will increase the instability of Kalamity already caused by mineral resource reclamation.

*Note: The Earth is a non-existence on our ocular time in the Joker Galaxy.



ドン
DOHN (Boom)

Low noise sound of heavy artillery or exploding fireworks.

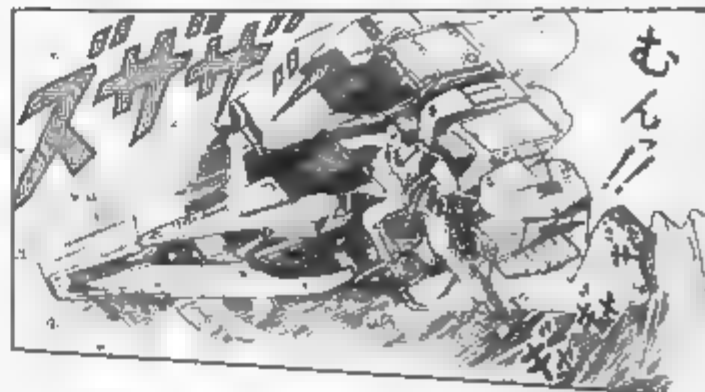
ズンツ
ZHUNT

Dignified, majestic in appearance like when walking



バシャッ
BAHSHAT (Splash)

Splashing water like when a fire hits a puddle



ズザザッ
ZUH-ZHAT (Screech)

Sound of a hovercraft skidding off the ground at full power

ギャギャギャ
GYAH-GYAH-GYAH (Vroom)

Sound of an engine over revving



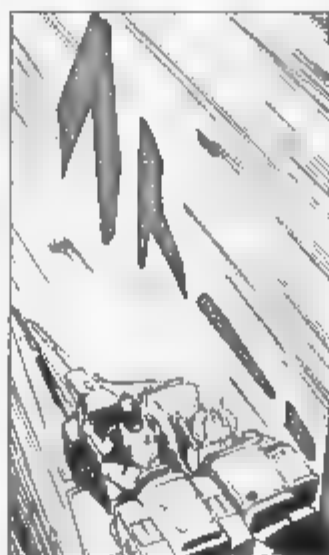
ジャッ
SHAT (Crunch)

Walking on gravel.



ガチッ
GACHIT (Clink, Snap)

Sound of buckling on or fastening metal. Also the appearance of completing some procedure



フィーン
FEEEN (Braaaaown)

Sound of a high speed vehicle like a racing car at top speed

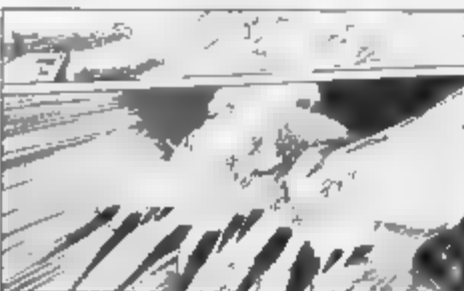


ザッ
ZHAT

Indication that someone is moving about.

チャッ
CHAT (Chud, Skup)

Sound of kicking sand



ビッビッ
BIP-BIP (Zzraack)

The numbing feeling of electrical current

ババババ
BA-BA-BA (Flap)

Sound of a cloak being strongly whipped around.

チイッチイン
CH-CHEEN (Flang, Shiling)

Sound of crossing swords.



キッ
KIHT (Eecchh)

Screeching sound of a brake

フオーン
FHOORN (Rhhuuummm)

Engine winding down.



ダダッ
DA-DAHT (Stoom-Stoom)

Heavy footsteps of charging storm troopers



シャッ
SHAT (Fap)

Sound of a curtain being pulled open or closed.



すこーん
SUKOHN

Being caught off guard. Exaggerated or comical expression of surprise



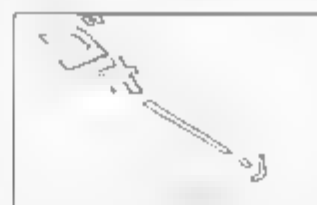
ずりっ
ZUHRIT

Slipping and losing one's balance



ドサッ
DOHSAHT (Whump, Fa-lop)

Sound of a body hitting the ground after crumpling and falling over backwards



ゴオーン
GOVHN (Vaarooom, Rumble)

Sound of a bulldozer or tank engine. Earth rumbling or tremor

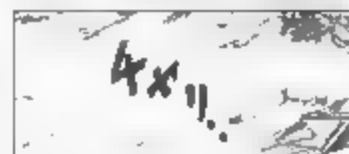
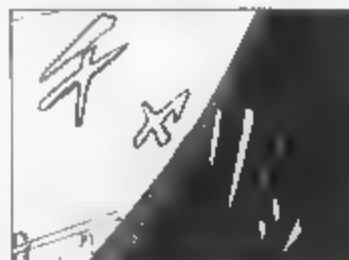
Special Effects

The Five Star Stories like any comic is filled with special effects which in Japanese are divided into words that resemble sounds and words that express appearances or images. Some can be found in any dictionary some were created by the author. The following list is a sampling of the special effects appearing in this volume.



ビクッ
BEEKUHT
(I-yi-yi?)

Caught off guard and surprised by a voice from behind



チャリッ
CHARIHT
(Clink)

Sound of coins bouncing off a hard surface



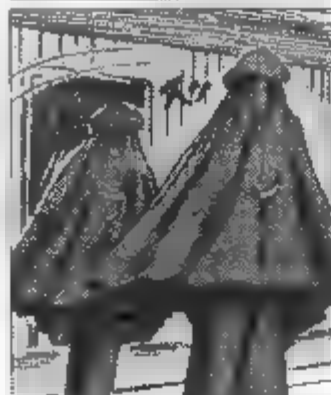
コクッ
KOHKUHT

Nodding or otherwise dropping one's head forward



ガッ
GAHT
(Toc)

Stepping up with effort on a ledge etc



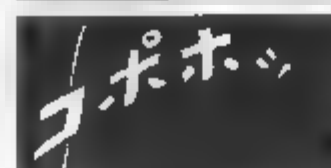
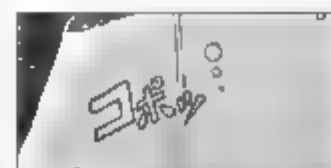
スッ
SUHT

Passing someone without making a sound



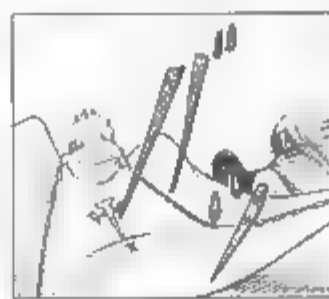
サッ
SAHT

Flushing quickly before anyone notices. A hurried action



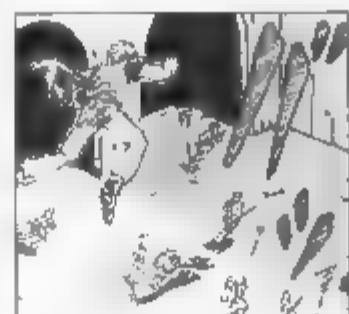
KOHPOHT
(Bibbi-Fib-Bibbplp, Glup)

Sound of air bubbles underwater



バツ
BAHT (Flap)

Clothing suddenly flapped by the wind. The swishing sound of a cloak



バツ
BAHT

Flying through the air



ビシ
BISHI (Snap, Thwack)

Sound of a whip or cane. Appearance of someone being hit



ザッ
ZAHT
(Shush)

Softly slipping over some surface



コトツ
KOHTOHT
(Clunk)

Sound of placing an object on a table or counter



ドスッ
DOHSUHT
(Chok, Whud)

Punch to the solar plexus



バン
BAHN
(Bam)

Sound of a hand cap. Weapon fire



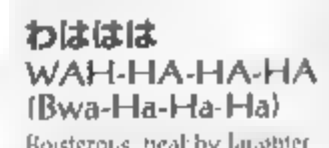
ザワザワ
ZAHWAH-ZAHWAH

Whispering-type hubbub, more subdued (and threatening) than GAHYA-GAHYA



ハハハハ
HEH-HEH-HEH-HEH
(Heh-heh-heh-heh)

Laughter of a vulgar or triumphant nature



わははは
WAH-HA-HA-HA
(Bwa-Ha-Ha-Ha)

Boisterous hearty laughter



バサバサ
BAHSA BAHSA

Cloaks flapping in the wind



ガヤガヤ
GAHYA-GAHYA
(Hubble-bubble)

The hubbub of an audience during intermission



No.2
Bugle de Leizer (Schaft)

Dahe of Zangdi (representative member of the
 society) most wanted him to visit
 Fajing = Gulligan



No.3
Ko Fan Shiemar

Primer at the End of Yeast Extraction—Red



No.4
Amatersu dis Greens Ooe
(Ikaruga) LED

Prince of the Amargosa family
Commander, the Magic Knights
Lotus - Almer



No.5
Huselles Carley (Spinner)

6. **Author's Primary Researcher's name:**
 Dr. Ma. Leticia



No.7
Eidrian (Paioun) Tag

former member of a motorcycle
club, was on parole
for a murder.



No.8
Myoury Kinky

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 10. **Prüfungsausschuss:** Prof. Dr. Müller, Dr. Schmidt, Dr. Weber



No.9
Sir,Bester (Close) Orbit

Duke of Orléans, commander
 Karuga - chief of staff and
 superintendent
 Laing - lex



No. 10
Picking harres (Spark)

1. The author is a very kind person.
 2. The author is very kind person.
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 4. The author is very kind person.
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No.14
Sharie Randers
Krotenschwanz

Native of Krotenschwanz, a small planet in the Krotenschwanz system. She is a member of the Krotenschwanz family. She is a member of the Krotenschwanz family. She is a member of the Krotenschwanz family.



No.15
Blotorn Cortala

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No.16
State Ballo Kaedia

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No.17
Nu.Suoad Graphight

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No.18
Iemarah Louf Jajas

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No.19
Mishalu Ha Lonn

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Allen Bratford

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No.22
Maximum HOLTORS
Ballance Kaen

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No.23
Qukey

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The Mirage Knights



No.2
Aisha Codante



No.3
Landwand Spacorn



No.4
Falk U Rogner



No.7
Lie Ex



No.8
Spector



No.9
Dr. Dipa Dorops



No.10
Hind Kill



No.11
Leopard Crytharis

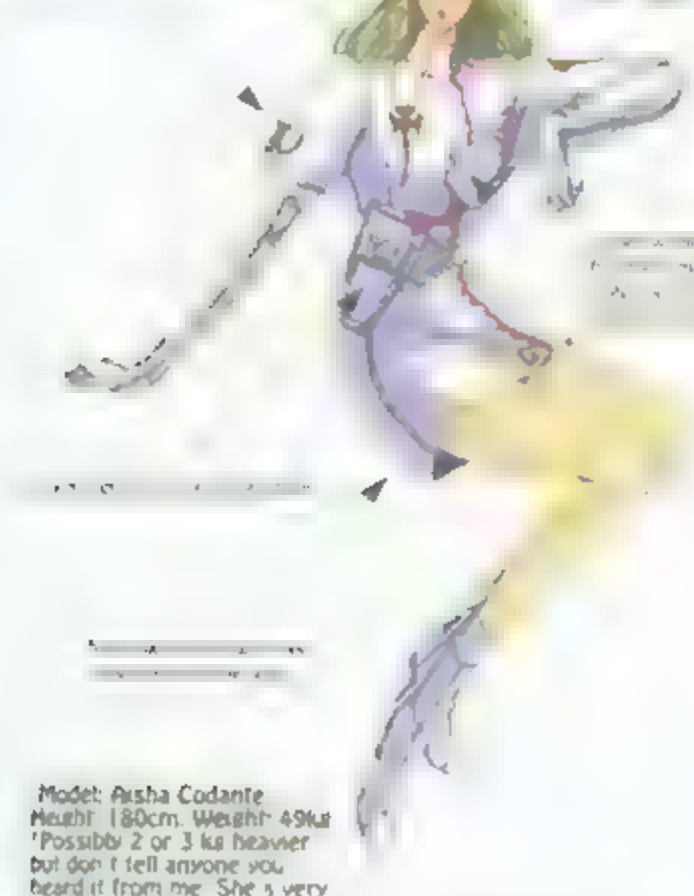


No.12
Urazen Sie



No.13
Poesche Nomien

Model: Aisha Codante
Height: 180cm. Weight: 49kg
'Possibly 2 or 3 kg heavier
but don't tell anyone you
heard it from me. She's very
touchy about it.'



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Mirage Knight MH Battle Uniform: Female

Model: Aisha Codante
Height: 180cm. Weight: 49kg
'Possibly 2 or 3 kg heavier
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heard it from me. She's very
touchy about it.'

Model: Diana Dorons



BODY SUIT

Model: Qukey. Height: 183 cm.
Weight: 53 kg

Official Status of the Mirage Knights

Excerpts of Catalogue of Instructions Regarding the
Mirage Knights
Official Name
Purpose
Status and Rank
Section
Duties

Taxation
Retirement Benefits

From these excerpts one can clearly see the exorbitant
amount of money the command exchequer of the Army
Corp would have to pay for the maintenance of the
Mirage Knights.

Headdliner Uniforms: The Far Eastern Mirage Corps

Model: Karrel Chrysaus



Mirage Knight MH Battle Uniform: Male

Model: F.U. Roemer Height: 215cm, Weight: 98kg



Mirage Knight Fade Veil

Model: F.U. Roemer Height: 215cm, Weight: 98kg



Mirage Cape

Model: F.U. Roemer Height: 215cm, Weight: 98kg

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Dr. Chrome Ballanche

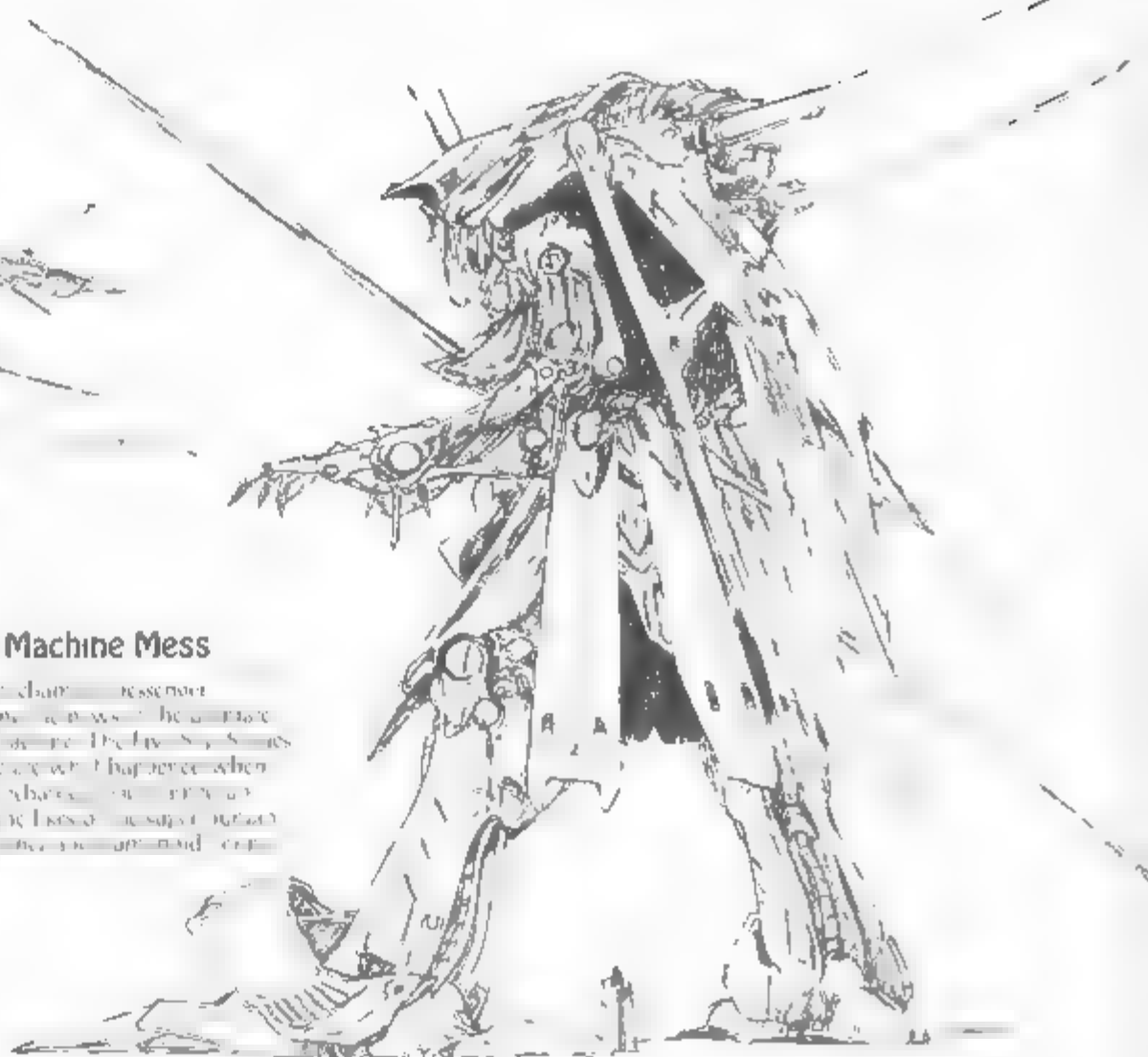
Dr. Steel Koor

The Era of the Mortar Headd: Some Background



The Fighter Prowler

And that, please, we can make
 that a very important open area
 for us to continue to work
 on, and the other thing we want
 to get more of, that is, the money,
 is something we need to work out
 for us to be successful.
 So the purpose of this is to
 have a good example of what we
 can do, and the other thing we
 are going to do.



The Machine Mess

The chairman's assertion
carried no weight, he said, more
weight in the House, says, says
will be given to the speaker when
the chairman is not present
with the House, says, says
the House is not present

The Mortar Headd: Subjugator of the Joker Galaxy

The Five Star Stories is a collection of titles about 100 kilometers apart in medieval goods production, yet one of them is the power in the little hundred kilometers and young empires and the four of them of them the Eastern North, Southern and Western solar systems together with the other in the other term the pentagon in the way in the life of the Five Star Stories imagined.

Four solar systems are previously unknown parts of the universe with their fixed stars in the shape of a complex and each possess one or two planets, including the earth. It is thus the "Laker Galaxy" is a civilized planet of one time reached the minds of human evolution. Humanity appeared here hundreds of millions of years ago on the planets of Karmirity-Groovers, and Dece Beam, the evolved explore the heavens in the space beyond time and to begin to unravel the mystery of the universe were of light, the planes of Belin in the Western Solar System and the Southern Solar System were crystallized of human habitation is science the universe and to spread throughout the galaxy.

However, even this realization, which I earned only a few months into the training, upon the barrier of the eventually reached a turning point in life, to call it experience or not, is back a letter for no more same matters that would now send me off in search of other graces. I am now on the other side of the river, a series of small, narrow, and

As the A.D. 1990 and 1991 was coming to a close, a proposal was offered to the Colony by K. and I, chief of the future empire on Kaimiyapeters, on the island of Ceres on the Earth. Attached to

establish a new local calendar. I have come to
believe that the countries of the Caribby were not
seen as consistent with their previous military
and would continue so for another thousand years
could eventually reach interplanetary peace and
coexistence. (In January of 2000, I was the
only XXII member to know as the T-10
of the Caribby was a symbol with the neighboring
lands of the Americas and 3. I have to say
The conventional highly destructive weapons
have been employed in a very similar manner
and that time we have to put a new order
and be planetary member for example we
well stated to the Caribby of weapons and
gathering the are some very good and many
we selected to give way to the Caribby and
need precession. I was a member of the
Caribby for a very long time and I am
expanding the Caribby to the Caribby and
residing both natural and human. The Caribby
weapons of the Caribby are the Caribby
the Caribby the Caribby would a member of the
purpose.

[illegible]

but he really runs in place for about ten times faster than the average person can. He took 10 seconds to run over a ten meter bar. That's good. This superhuman was a very talented athlete. He had the keys of the locker room. He was a very good person. He preserved these extraordinary powers for thousands of years previously.

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The Five Star Stories II

Written and illustrated by
Mamoru Nagano

Translated by
John Wisnam

About the Author



Photograph

A best comic writer, musician, designer, and Macintosh addict, Mamoru Nagano was born in the city of Maizuru, Kyoto Prefecture, in January 1960. In 1981 he made his animation debut as the character designer of the TV cartoon "Heavy Metal L-Gaim." His first comic, "Fool for the City," was published in *New Type* magazine in 1985, followed by the "The Five Star Stories" serial, which began in 1986. Four stories were completed by 1990, then, in summer 1997, Story #5 was begun. FSS was first published in paperback by Kadokawa, which released 9 volumes with a total sales of 4 million copies, marking it as a popular long seller among Japanese comic fans. The author's latest work is another animated serial entitled "Brain Powered." Much of his work is under copyright and being published by his own company, Toys Press, Inc.

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Warning: Those readers who cannot for reasons physical, psychological or otherwise endure reading comics from right to left should seriously consider not purchasing this book and return it to the shelf.

We have been hearing for the past ten years that we made a serious marketing error in publishing FSS in a traditional Japanese right-to-left format. In particular, when the call for an English version began, it was suggested that printing be done from negatives so that the stories could be opened from the left. Following English frames and balloons from right to left is a strange experience to be sure, but for the sake of the illustrations, we are determined to keep the format as close to the original as possible.

"You're just being stubborn," say the critics. Again we don't think that reproducing mirror images of the original illustrations is worth any increase in sales from a book opening from the left. Those of you who agree with us, step right up to the sales counter; those who don't

Whether you have acquired this comic over the counter or by other means, thank-you and welcome to The Five Star Stories Volume II, and a series that is going to last for at least the next four or five years, regardless of sales performance. Our intention to stay with you until the very end is accompanied by the belief that FSS is in fact going "to sell" in the United States, Singapore, or any other place where quality Japanese animation and storytelling is being demanded in English language editions. We have no illusions about the fact that FSS English readers are in the minority and will

remain there throughout the series, but don't despair: the over 700,000 Japanese readers who have and are still enjoying the stories are behind us 100%.

We are not saying that FSS is perfect, however. So if you have any comments or suggestions about how the translation is being handled or the way in which the stories have been put together—anything at all—drop us a line at fss@toyspress.co.jp and we will set up a bulletin board of some type for all the e-mail fit to print at our website <http://www.toyspress.com/>. After all, we minority readers have to stick together.

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On behalf of the author, Mamoru Nagano, I graciously acknowledge your kind patronage and solicit your continued support.


Ryosaku Sato
Publisher & Editor



The Five Star Stones

MAMORU NAGANO

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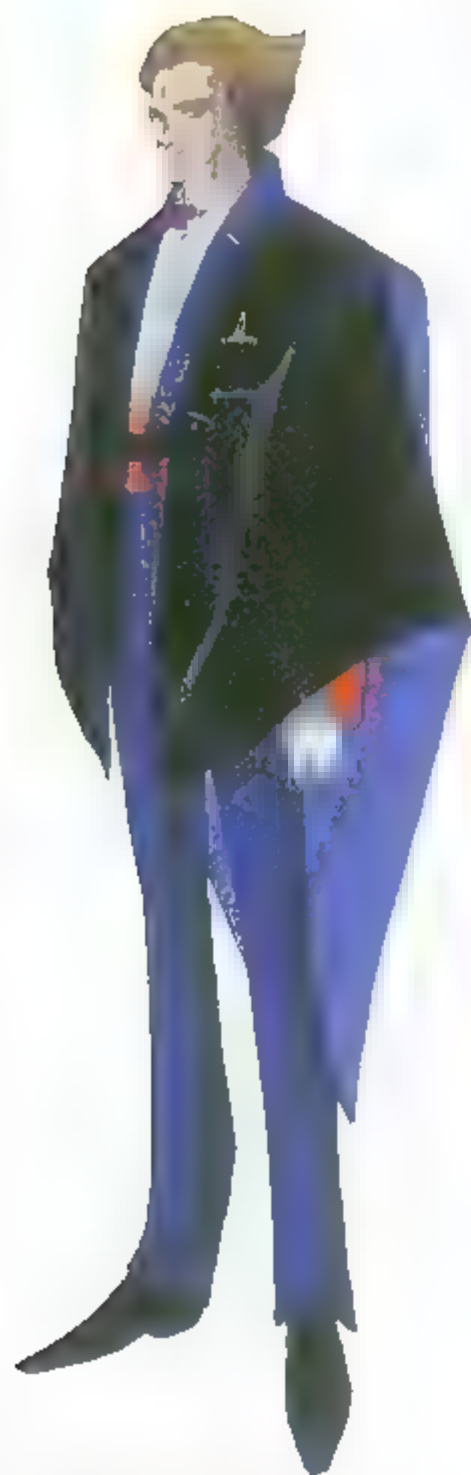
The Five Star Stories III



*O*n the advice of her sister, Lachesis, Clotho escapes from her depraved captor Juba Bardaim, heading for the residence of Dr. Morard in the perilous burg of Betolca. In the midst of being manhandled by ruffians, she is saved by Sopp, Voards and the King of Juno, Colus III, who then assents to take her into his protection. The scene is now set for the climax to our first story, the debut of Lachesis and its thrilling aftermath.

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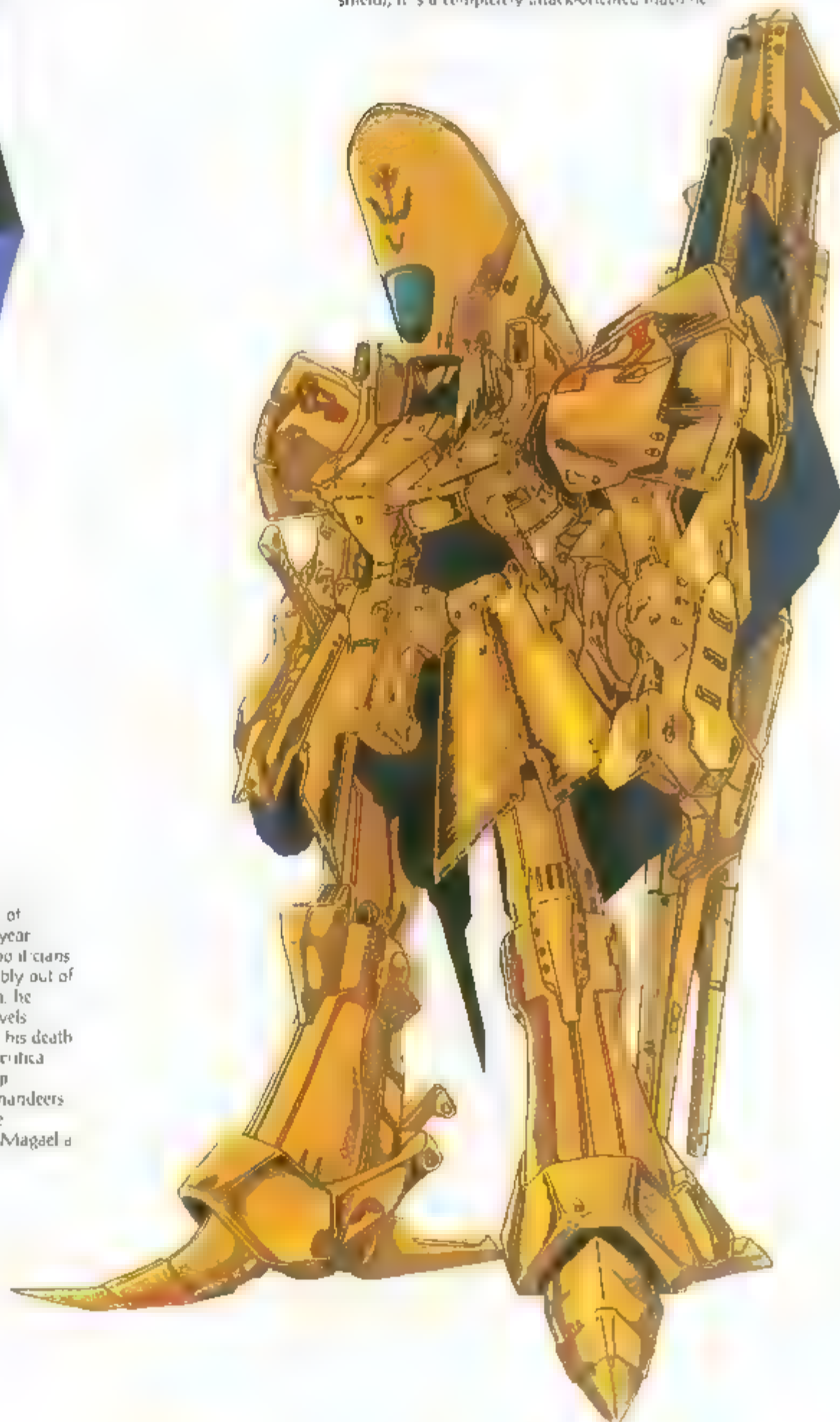
Mission Rouath

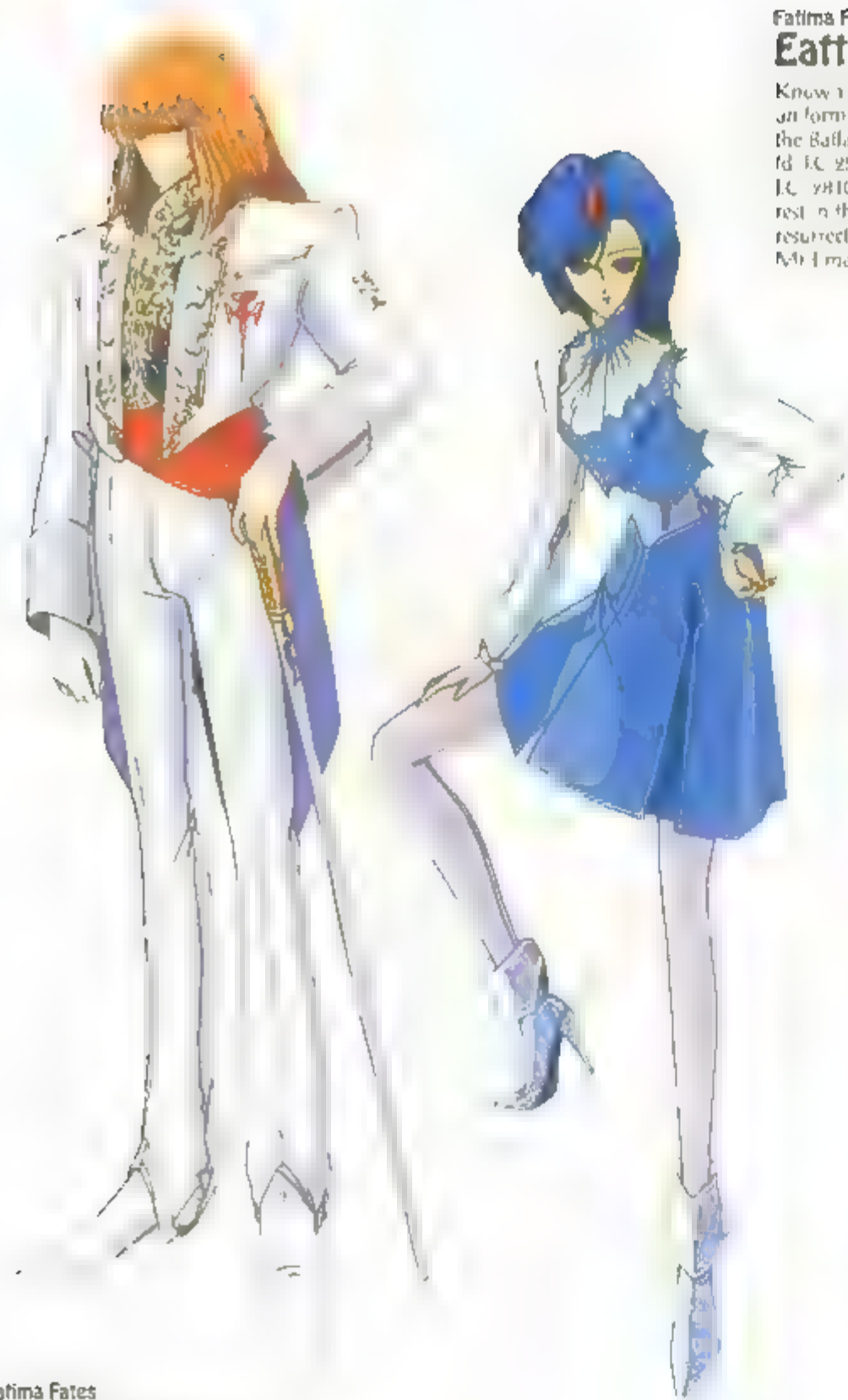
President of the True Union on the plane of Aduler. A shrewd statesman, but his ten-year absence from True allowed such corrupt politicians as Uba Barqum to invest the Union. Possibly out of embarrassment over such rising corruption, he assumed a different identity during his travels around the Galaxy. The words spoken on his death bed will force Amaterasu to make a very critical decision affecting the whole Galaxy. A top headliner in his own right, Rouath commandeers the MH-Kormals along with Dr. Chrome. Balianche's 40th masterpiece, talima lates Magael a

Mortar Headd

Knight of Gold

An MH made out of gold by Amaterasu. That, along with its maker and falma Lachesis plays a co-starring role in our story. KOC stands 15 meters high at the shoulder and weighs 44 tons. It is powered by what is called an "exlazer system," an external combustion engine that can use just about any type of radiant energy as fuel, thus achieving perpetual movement. However, like its partner Lachesis, KOC has serious problems and experiences frequent operational breakdowns. It is the first MH to be equipped with a built-in buster launcher and has no native (MH) protective shield; it's a completely attack-oriented machine.





Fatima Fates

Eatta

Known as "Milky" due to the snow white plastic form she dons, Eatta is one of the elder fatimas in the Ballanche line. She met her master, Falk-Ragnar, in IC 2570, when he was resurrected, is a clone in IC 2810. From that time on, she would be put to rest in the Floating Temple to await the death and resurrection process involved in the re-creating of her MHI master and devoted husband.

Fatima Fates

Falk-U-Ragnar

King of Babylon and commander in chief of the Amalerast Kingdom, Desmenses (AKD), forces and the Mirage Knights. All of the information emanating from his body is transmitted in real time to a computer chip called a Daughter. When he dies, the Daughter will reproduce his body with his mind, personality, etc. In fact, he is the only person in the Galaxy capable of such physiological interchangeability. The Daughter chip is all that has remained from the super-civilization that flourished 10,000 years earlier, and Ragnar is the only one alive that can benefit from it. He stands by Amalerastu up to the end and has the final word. He is without a doubt the Galaxy's most accomplished knight.



Fatima Fates

Mecorr Litra

The former wife of Amalerastu, who passed away at the relatively young age of 60. She, however, is well aware of the empire's emotional instability and remains by his side as a huge winged guardian angel. Despite losing the direct form of wizardry powers she possessed when she was alive, her spirit has remained among the living.



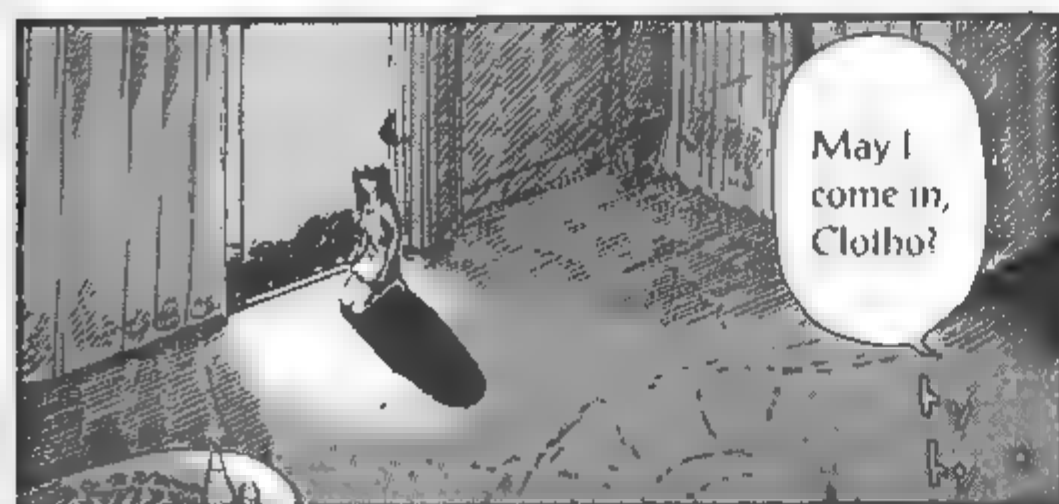
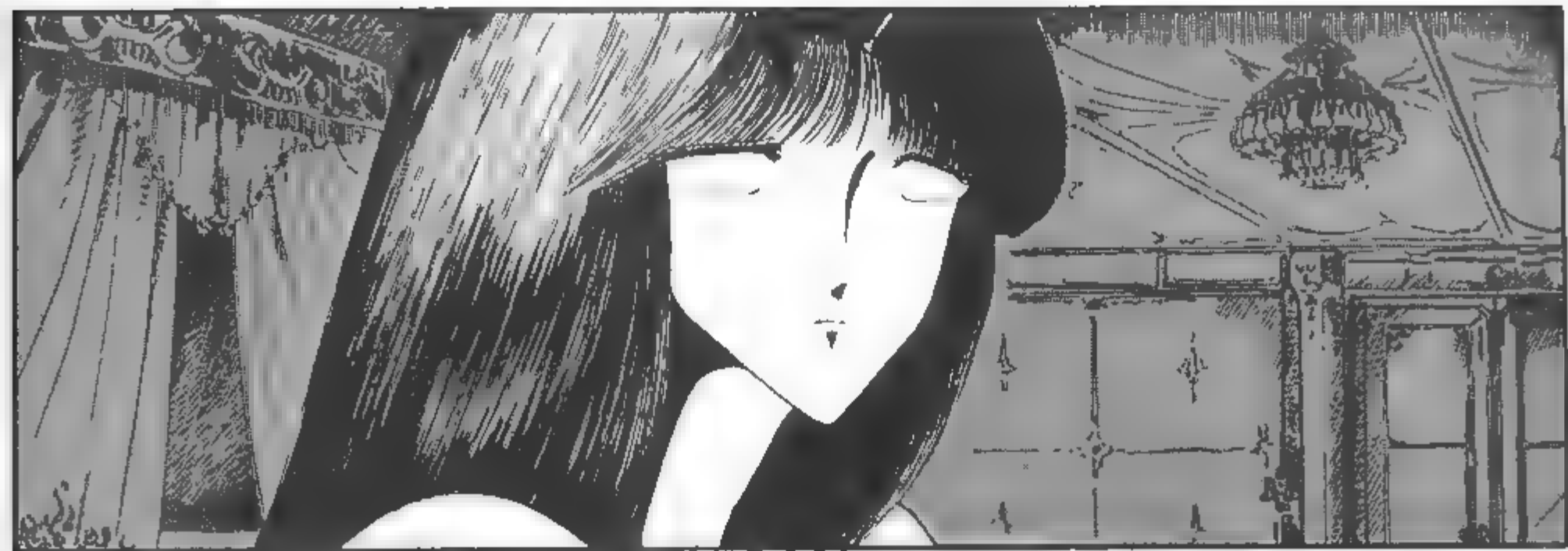
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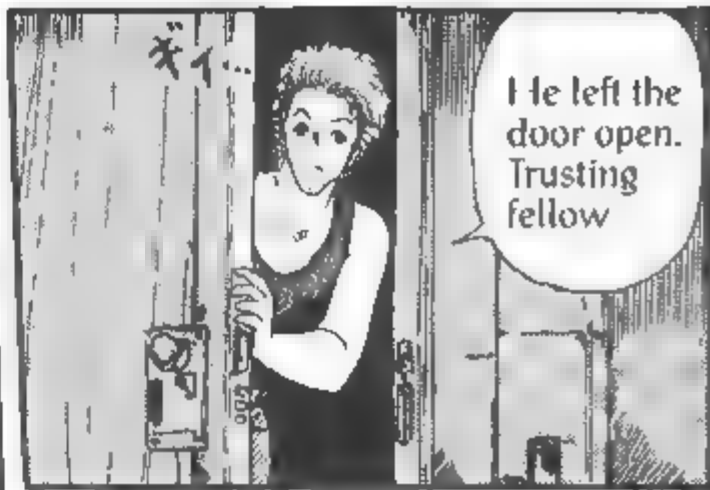
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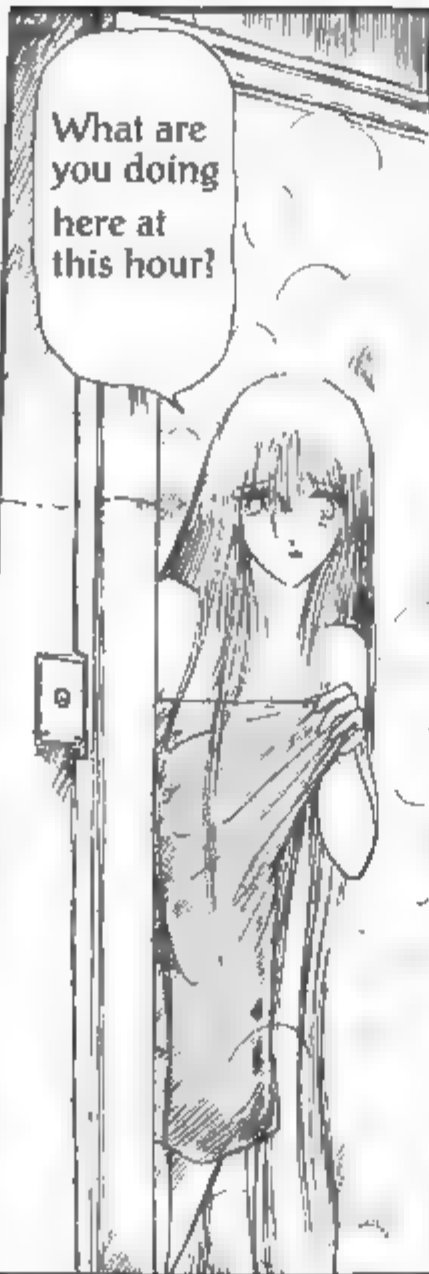
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What are you doing here at this hour?



Wow!!

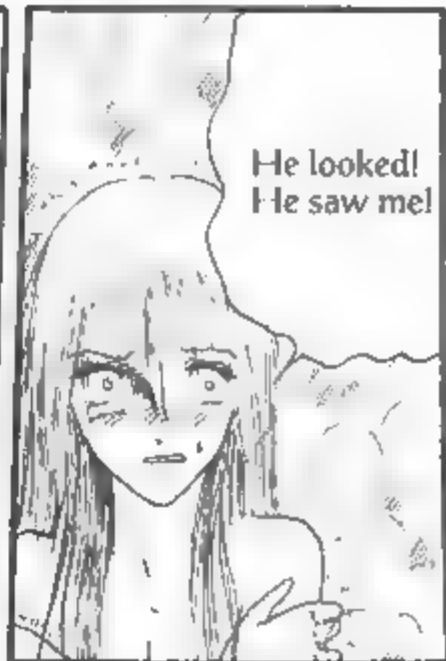


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It was a guy. It was a guy. It was a...

Sorry about that, Sopp.



He looked! He saw me!



If you need any help tomorrow, just ask.

All knights... And very interested in the fatima.



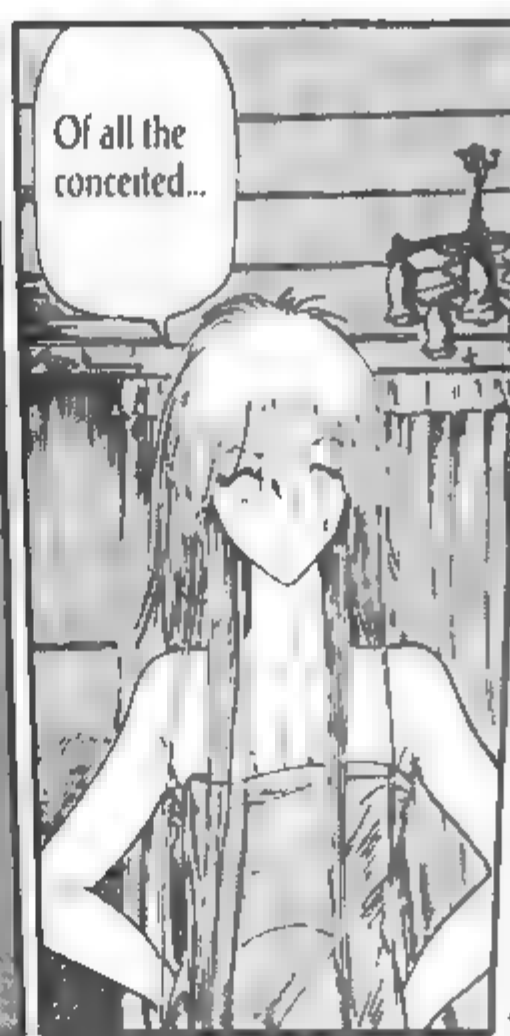
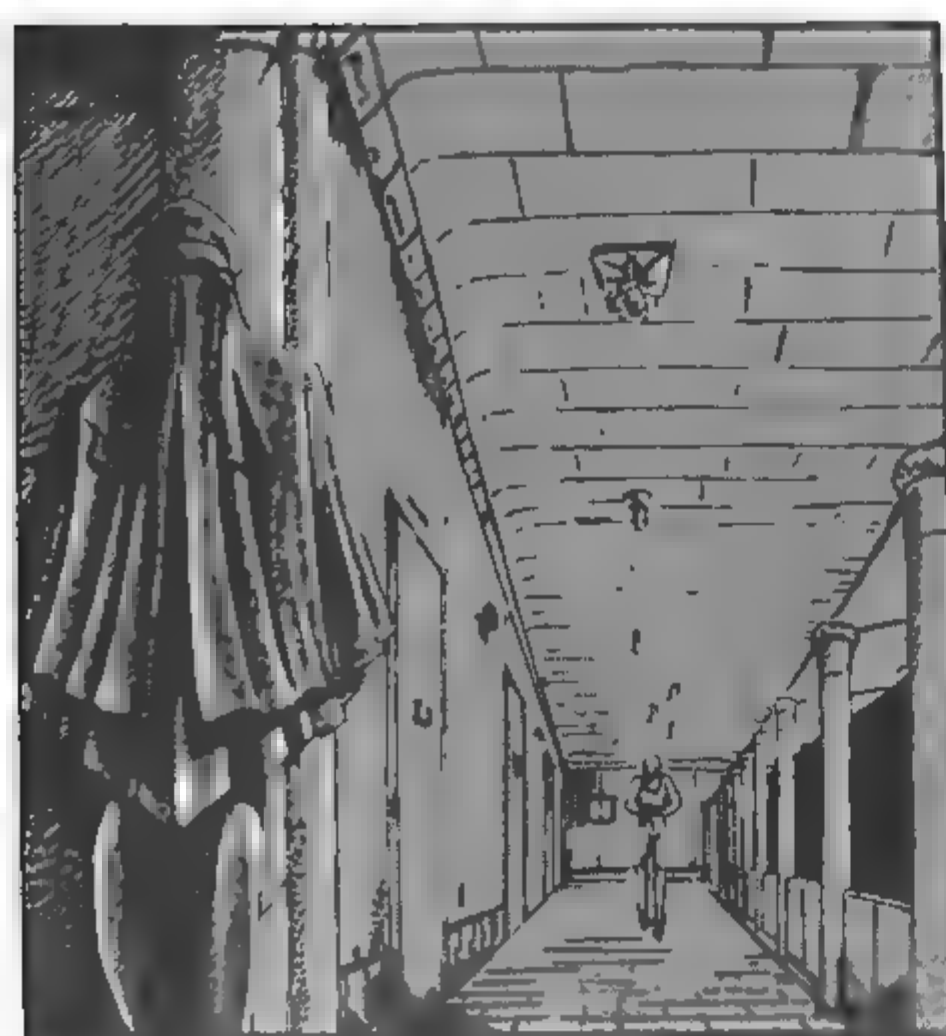
I can't believe what a beautiful body you've got.

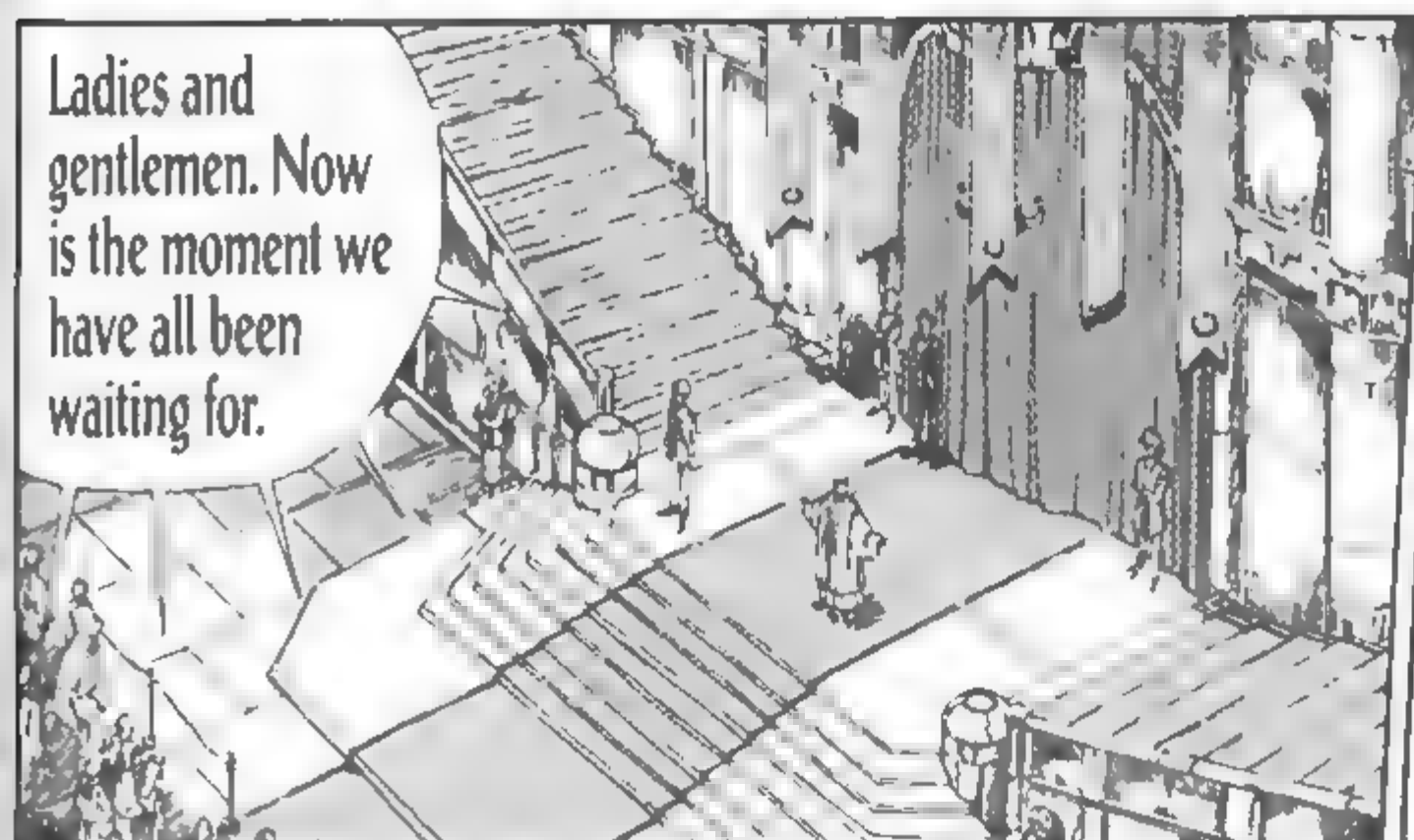
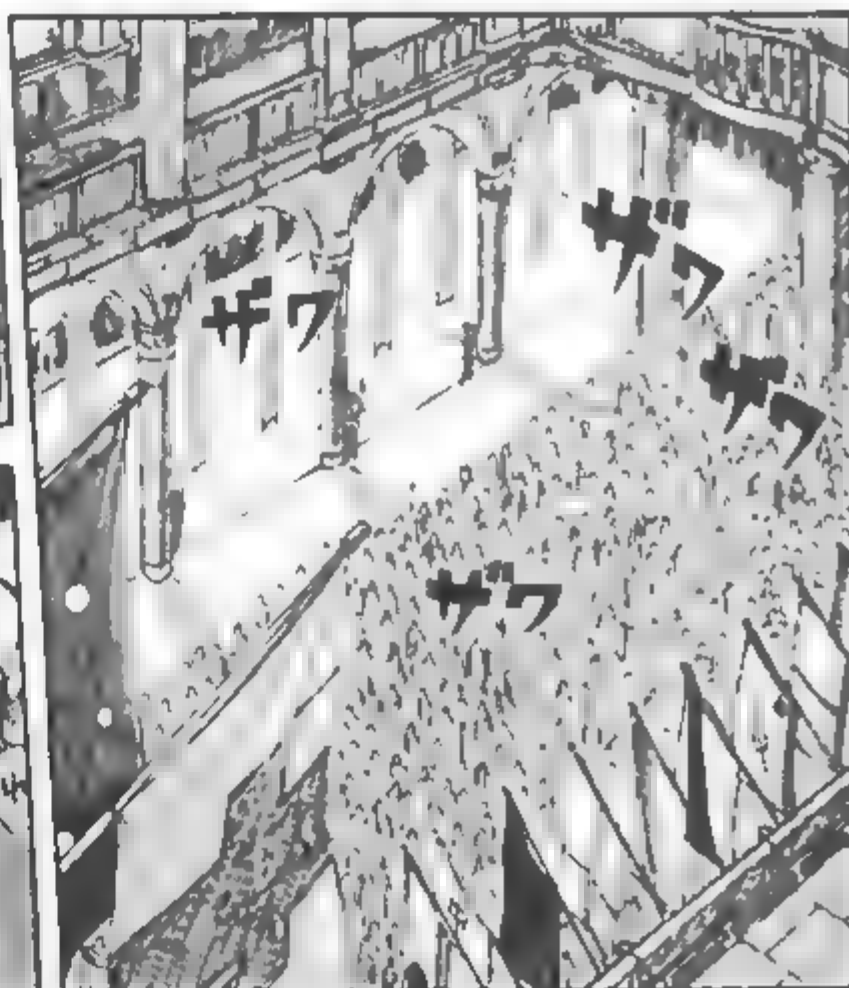


Seven of my friends came in from Trün this evening.



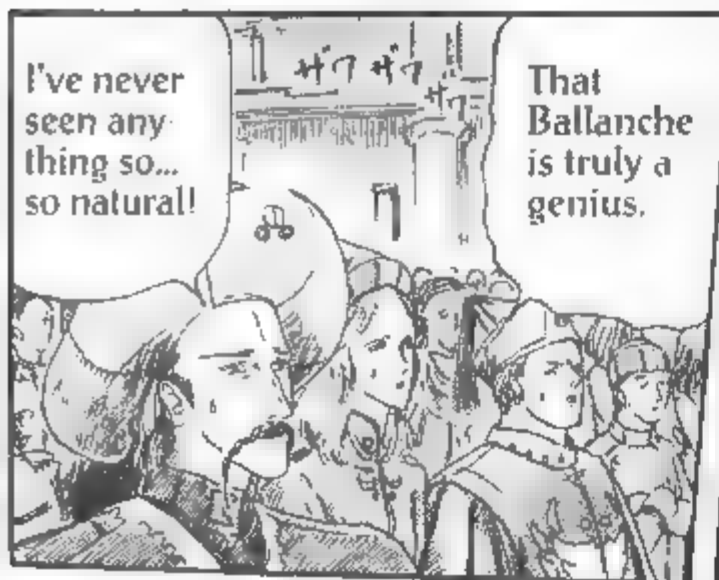
No. That's not what I mean. Uuuuh...







It is my great pleasure to introduce our fatima debutante, Dr.Chrome Ballanche's newest creation,



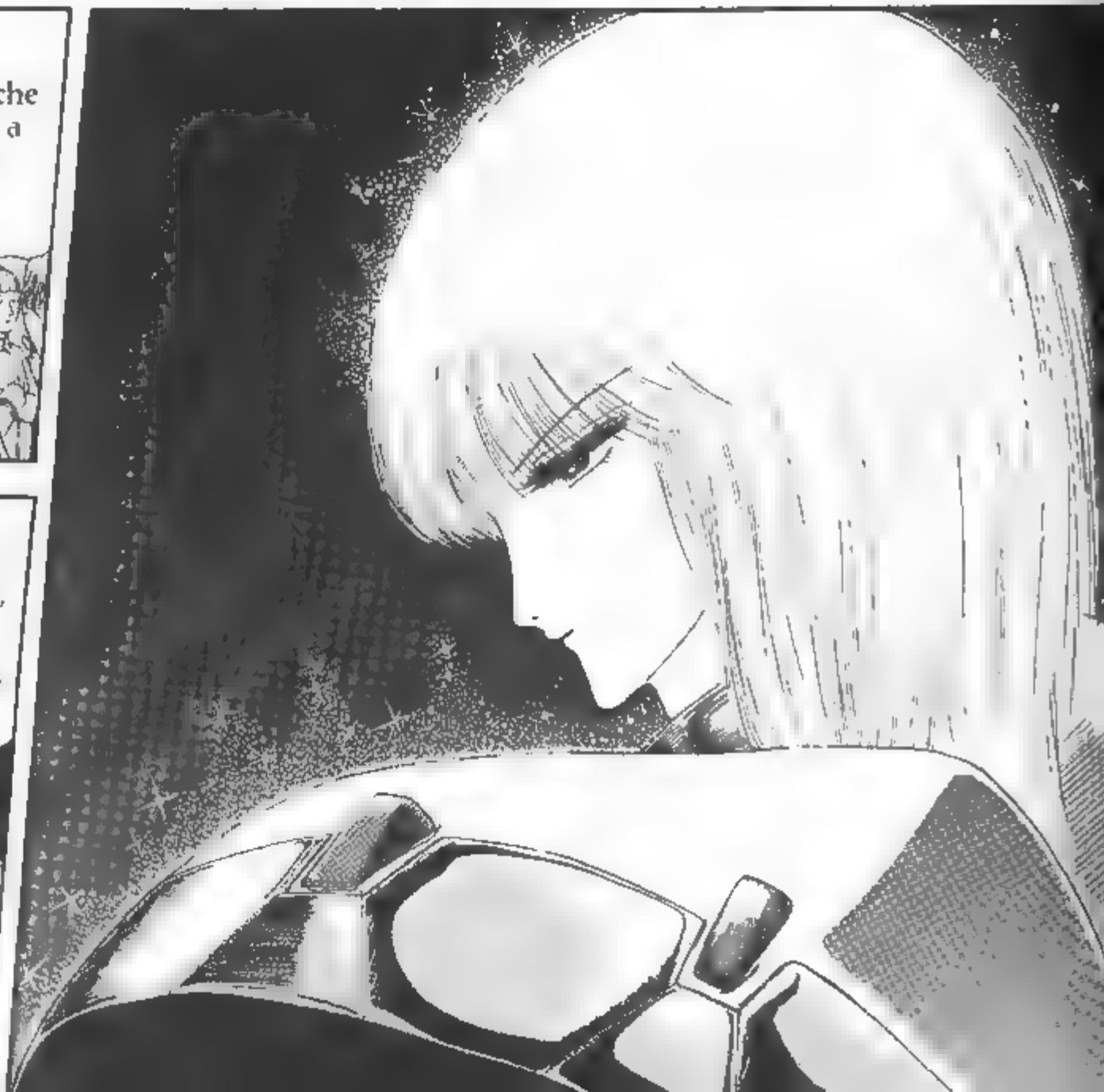
I've never seen any thing so... so natural!

That Ballanche is truly a genius.



From the Trün Congress, Sir Voards Viewland.

Now before you all get to meet Lachesis, allow me to introduce our official referee



After her audiences with each candidate, the fatima will return to the podium and announce to one and all the name of her master.

...To ensure that it is carried out in confor-mance with the laws of the Galaxy.

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. As the referee of this debut it is my duty..

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I may be wrong, but this fatima strikes me as more frank and honest than what we have come to expect

Yes my lord

Is every-thing arranged, Pejont?

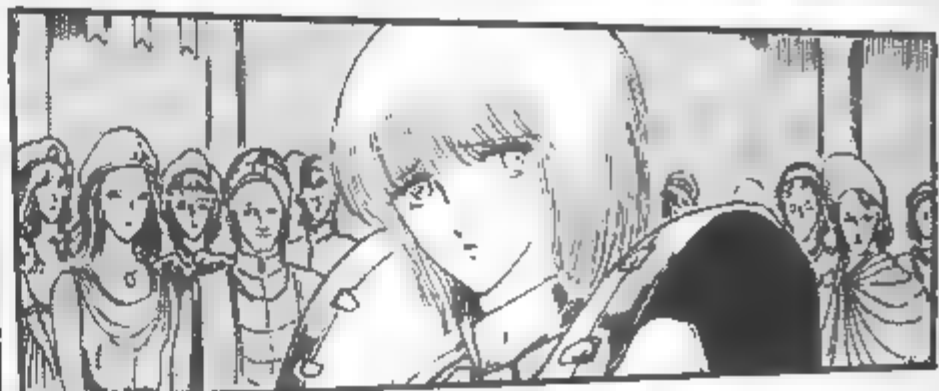
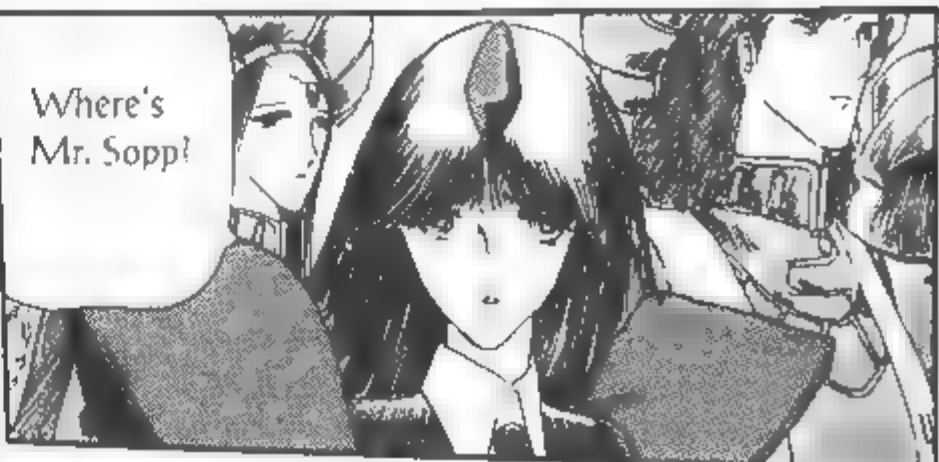
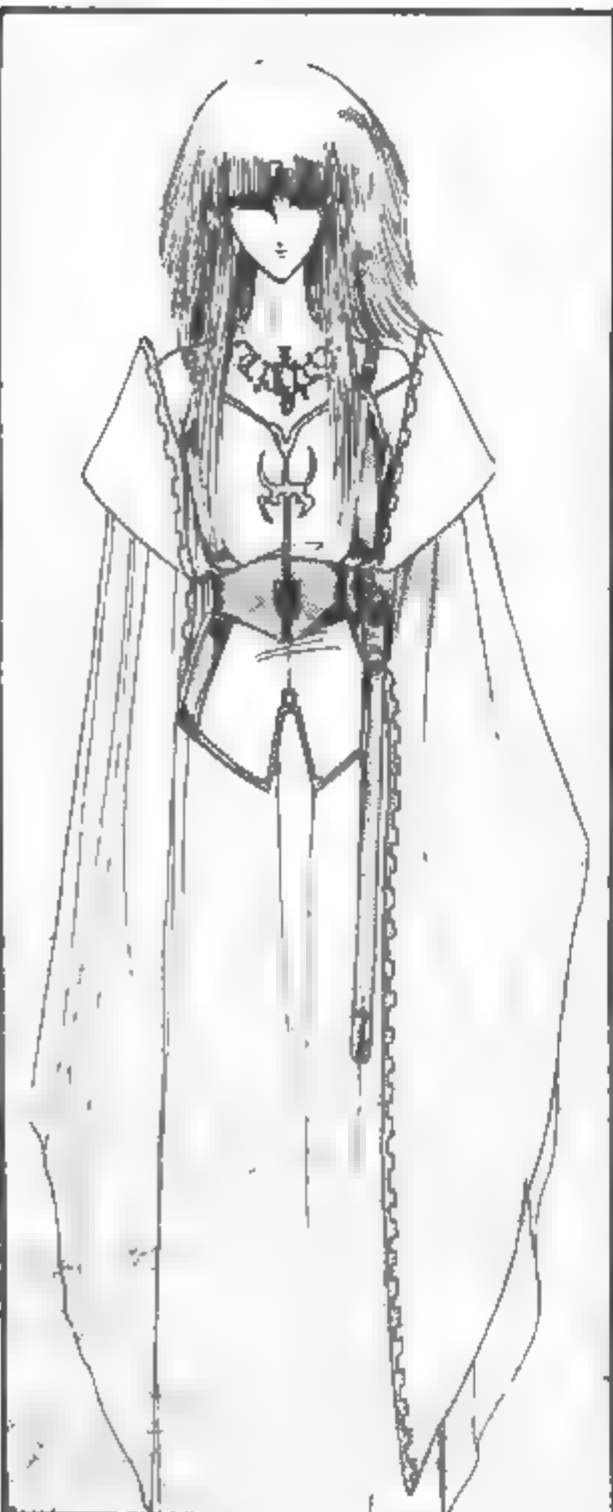
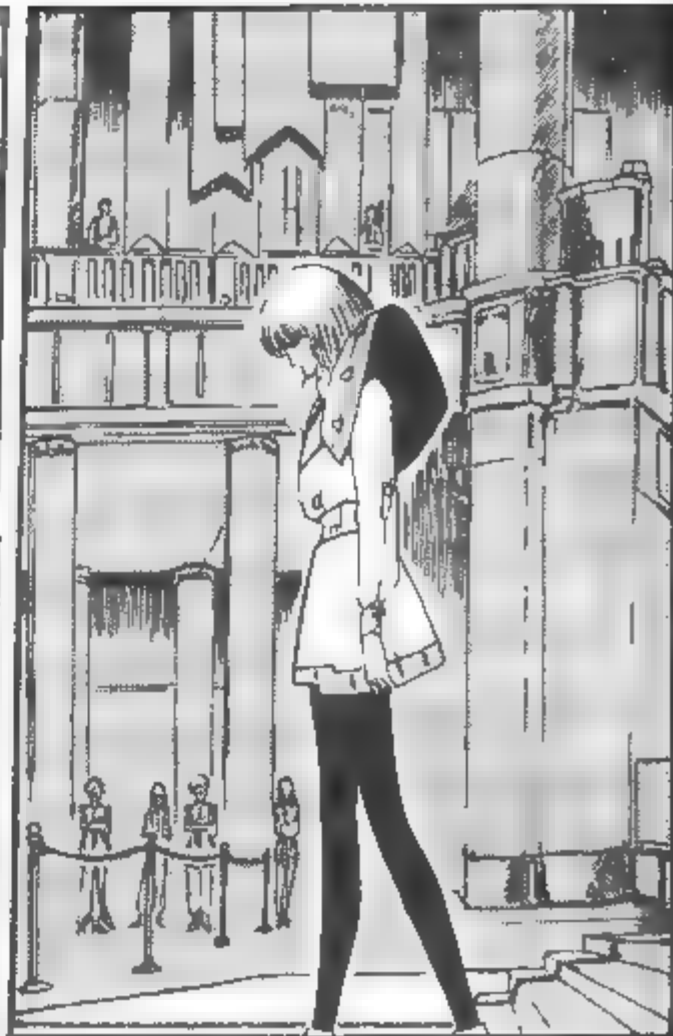
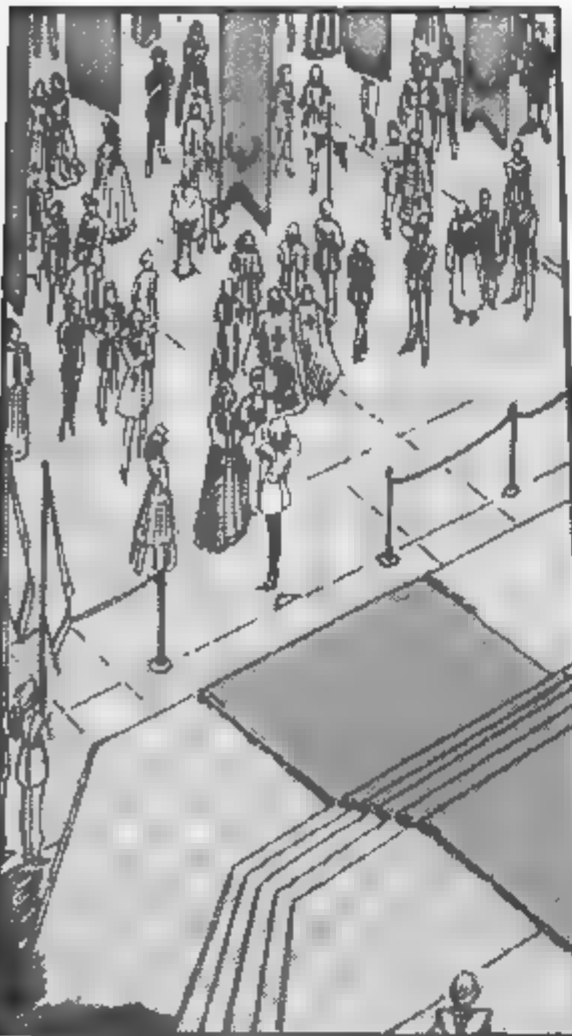
If per chance the fatima does not recognize what she desires in a master among you, she will remain here in Bastogne and wait the next opportunity

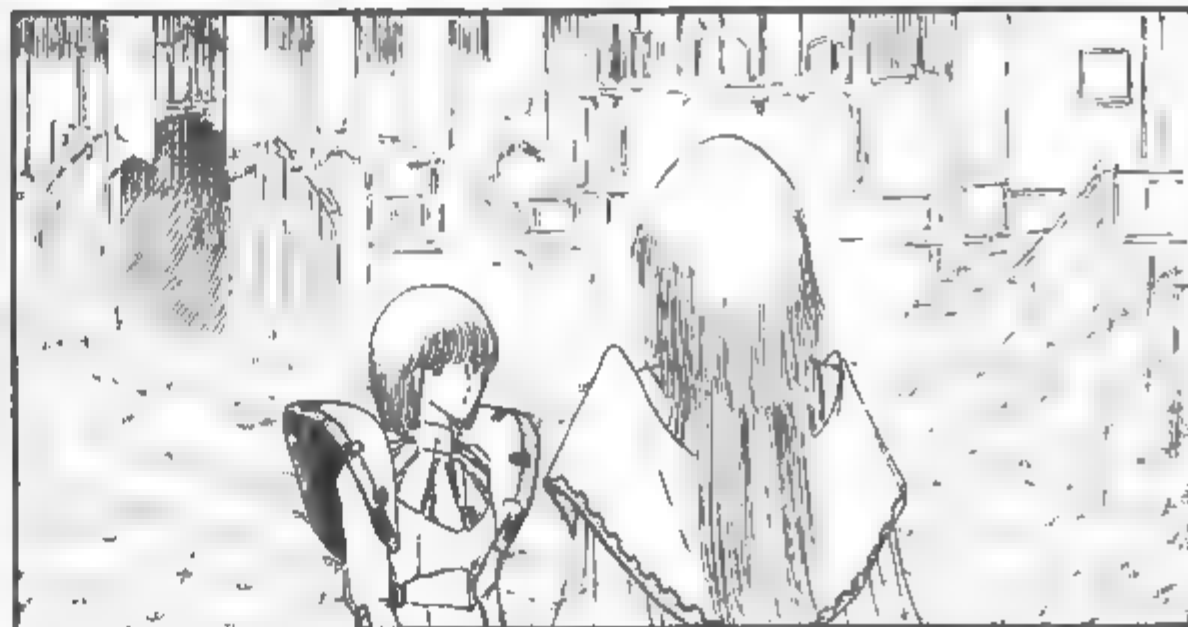
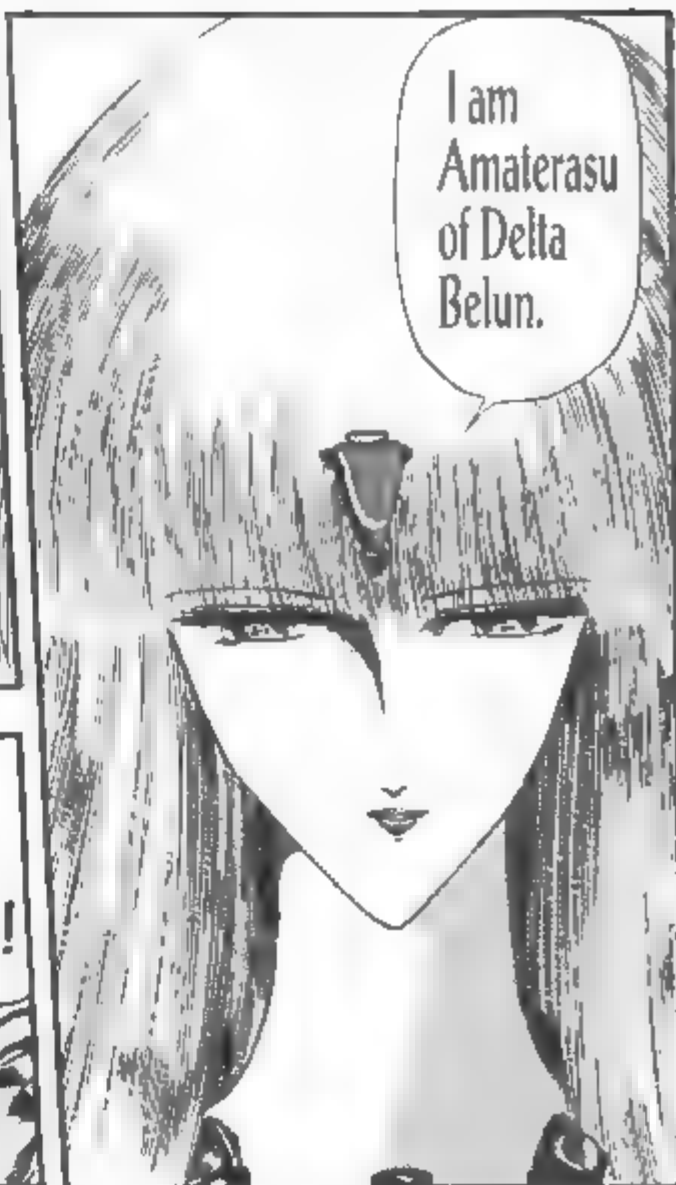
Let the debut begin.

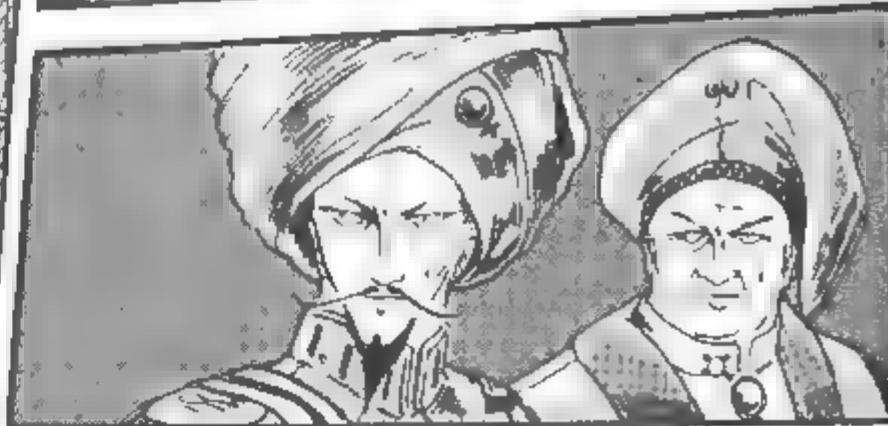
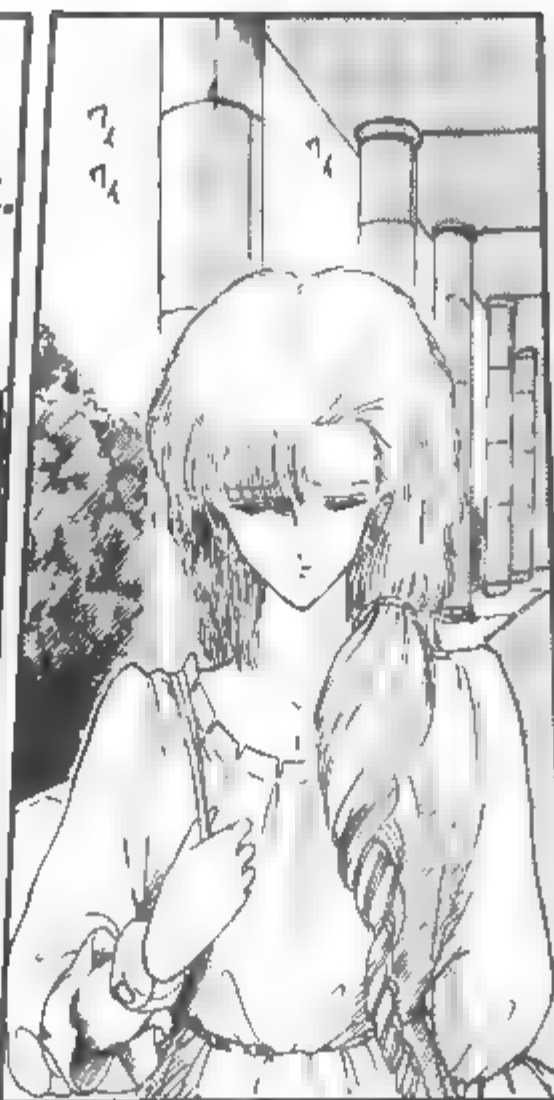
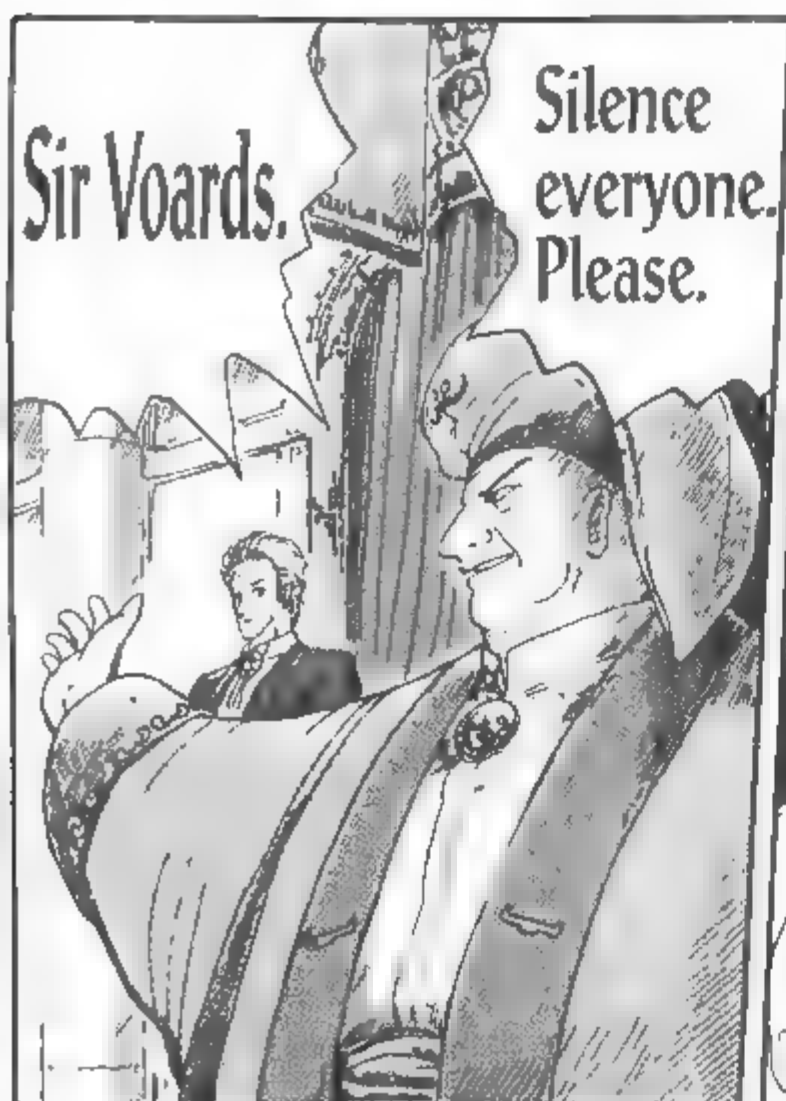
May I remind members of royalty, the knighthood, and others holding the right to fatima ownership..

Thank you.

That you are bound to refrain from making any public statement concerning the name of the master uttered from the lips of the fatima

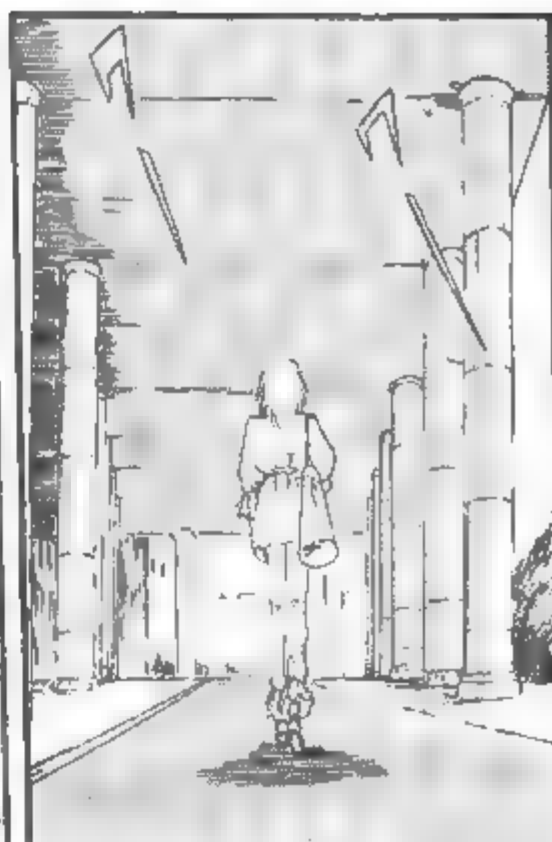








*Running
away again,
hub?*



*It's
you.*



You don't want to admit that you love a fatima. Is that the problem?



Don't look at me that way.



Really? If so, you must be incapable of loving anyone.



No. That's not it at all.

That's such a pity! You have so much in common... a robot and an insensitive, cold blooded human.



...But underneath it all yuu fear accepting love from anyone, even an artificial life form.

You're the Galaxy's greatest accomplishment... a miraculous oddity that enjoys trifling with ordinary people's feelings...

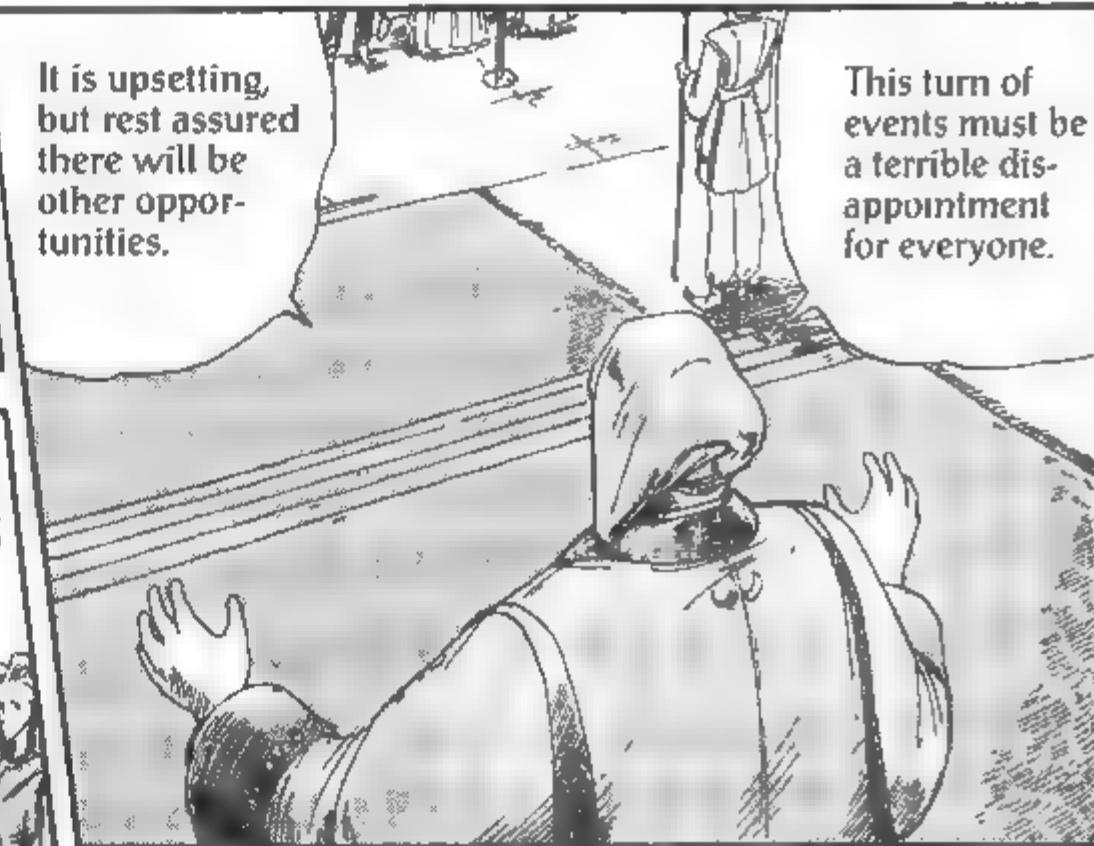
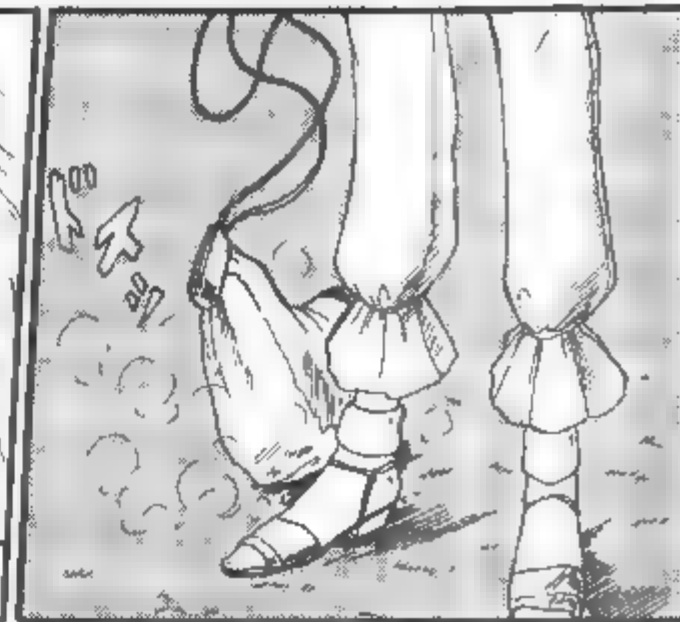
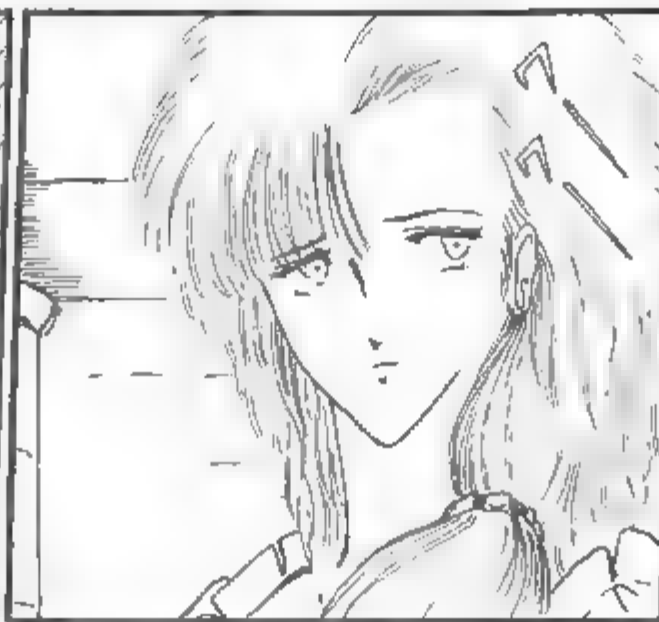
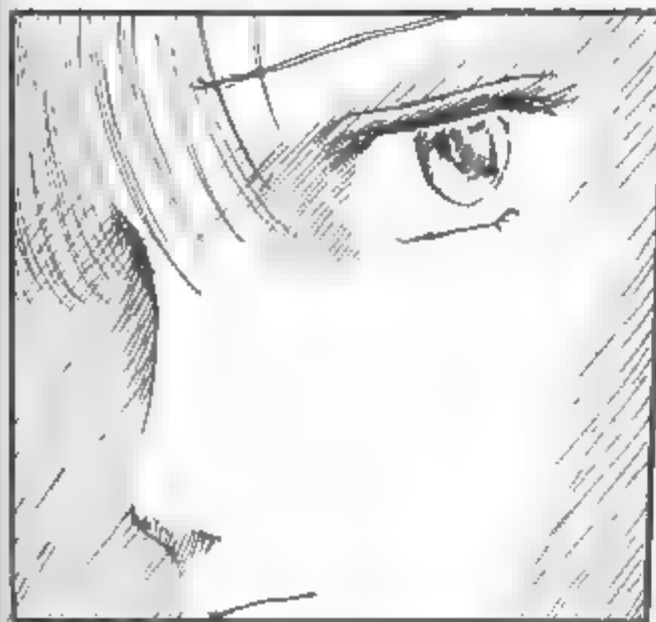
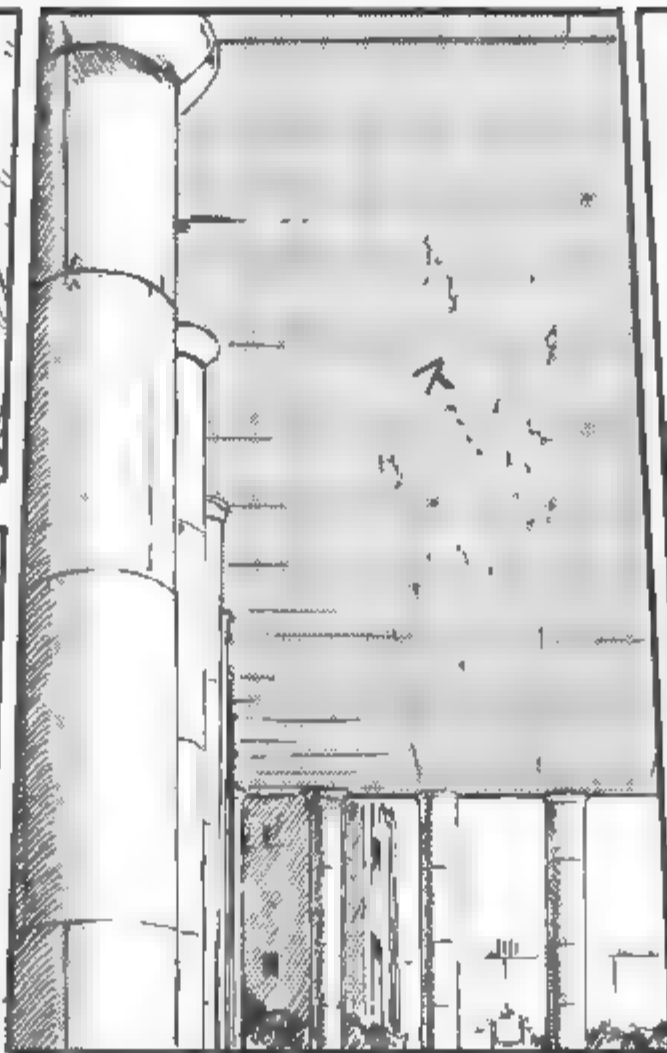
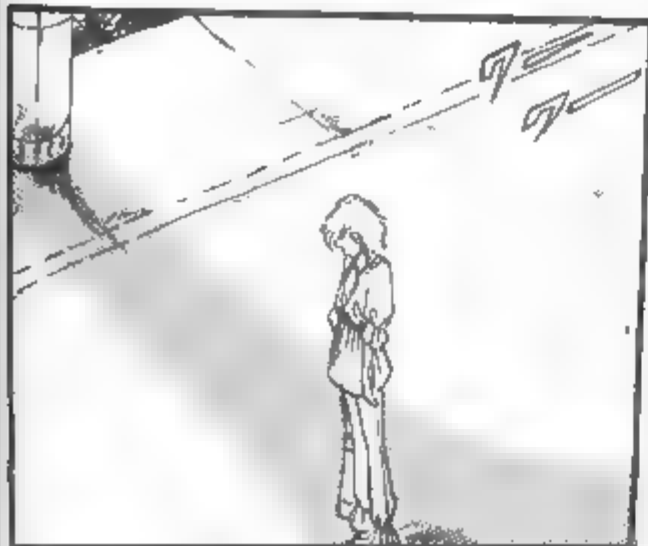


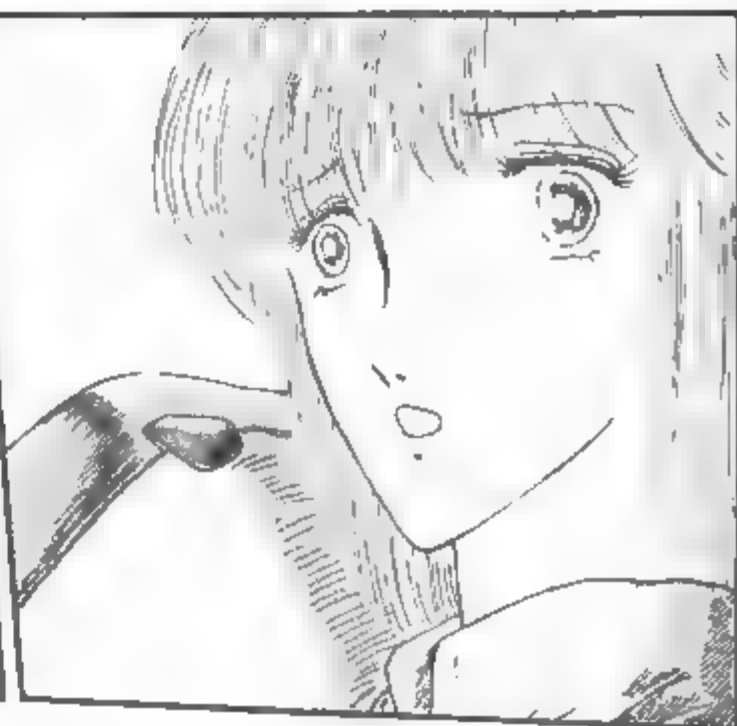
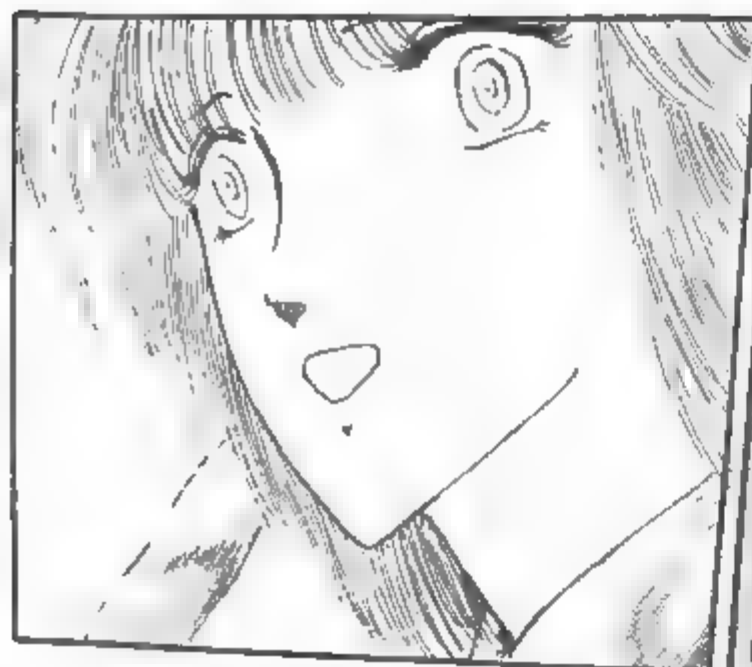
And to think that I managed to love you, in spite of it all... Farewell.



You would have been epochmaking... The two of you









Master!!

Sorry to
be late.

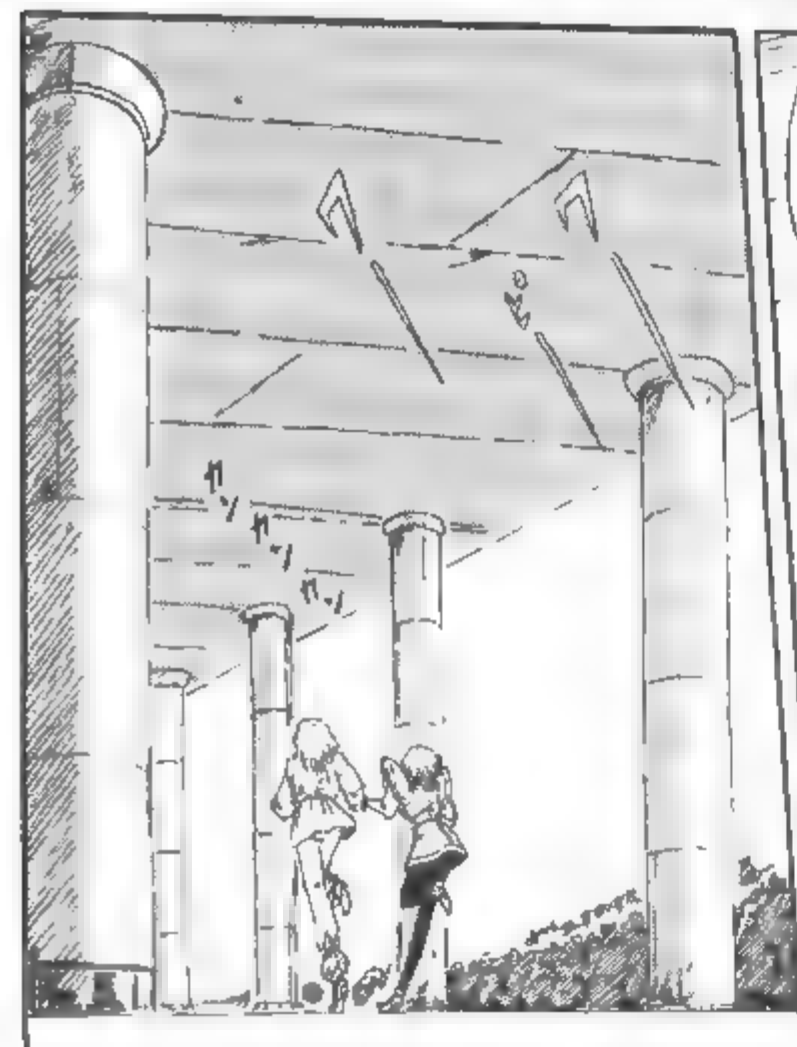
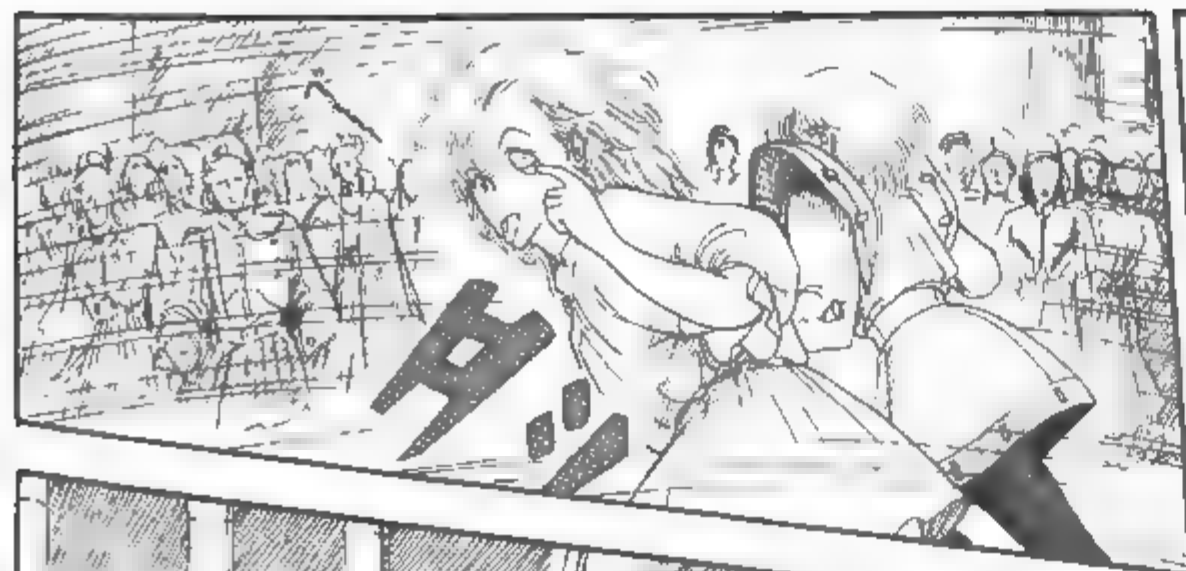
Master!
Oh Master!

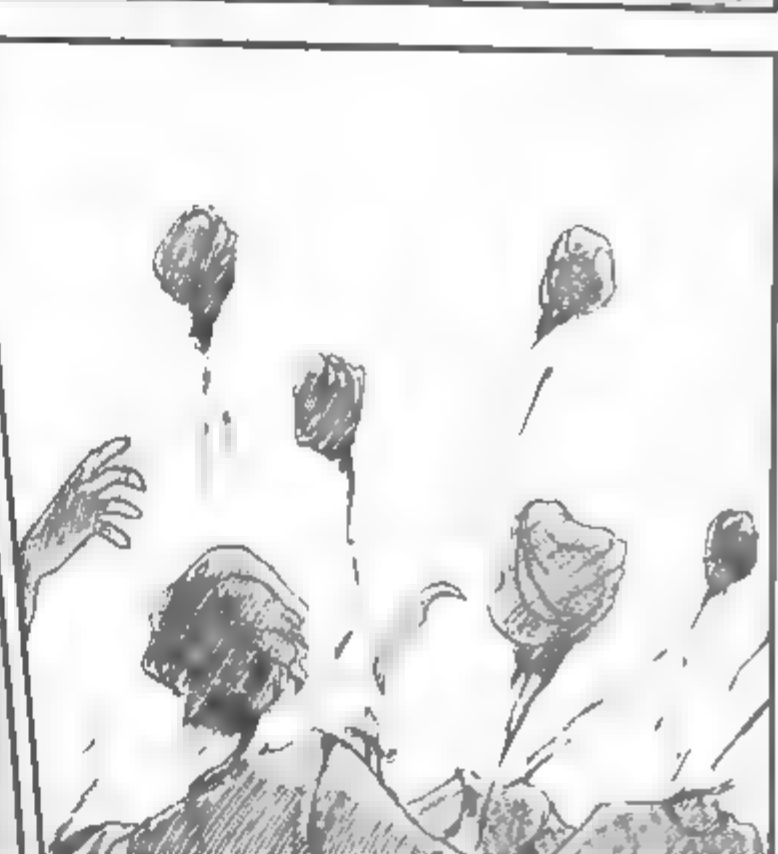
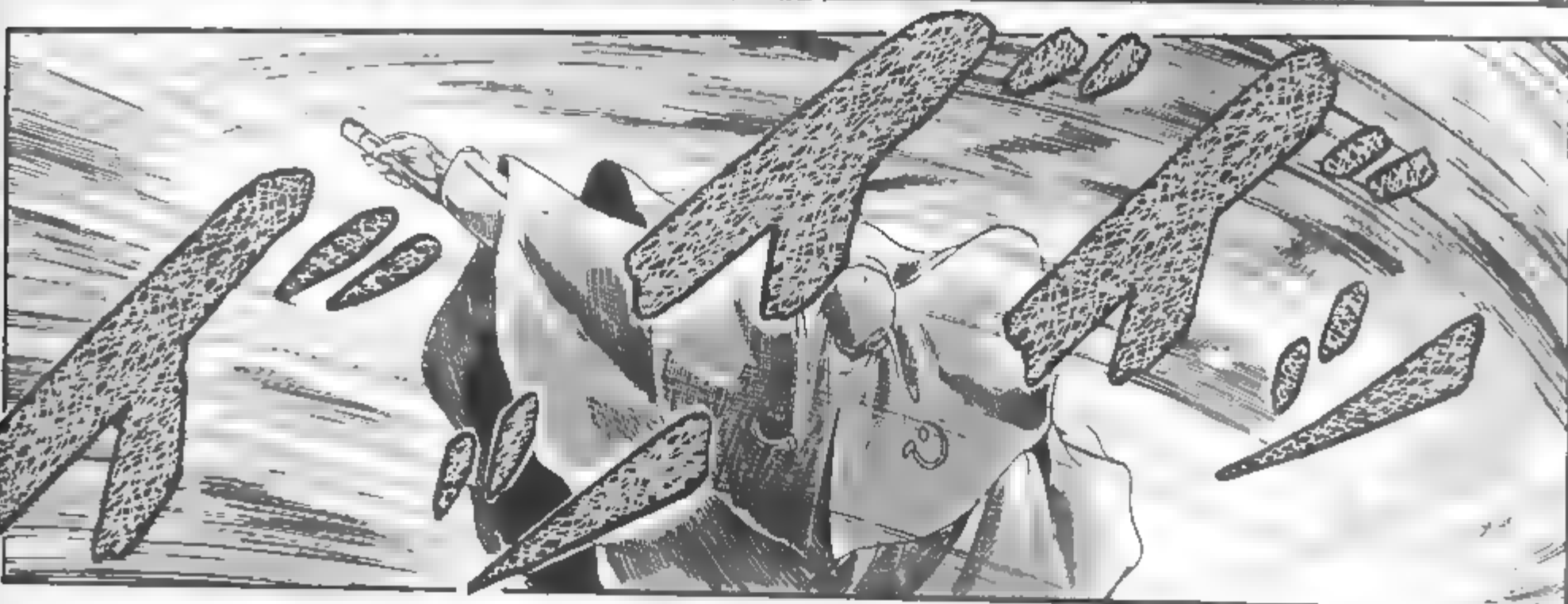
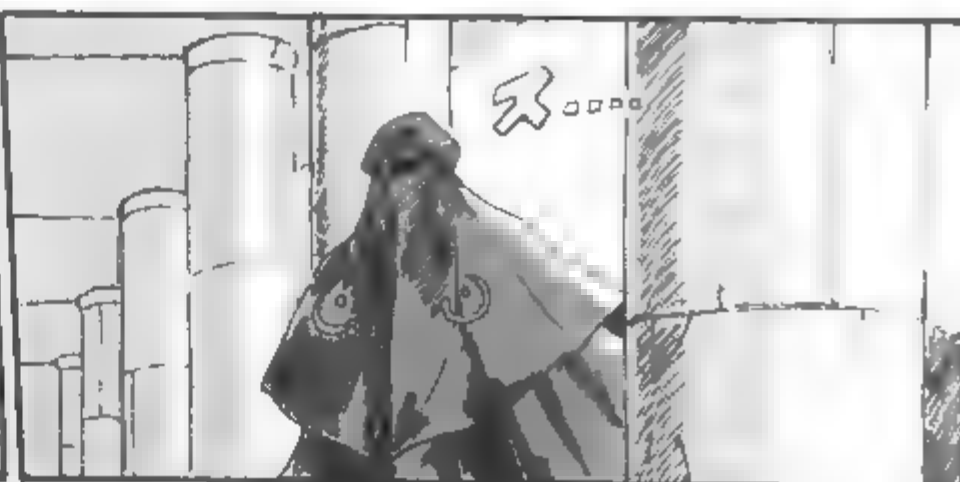
Huh!

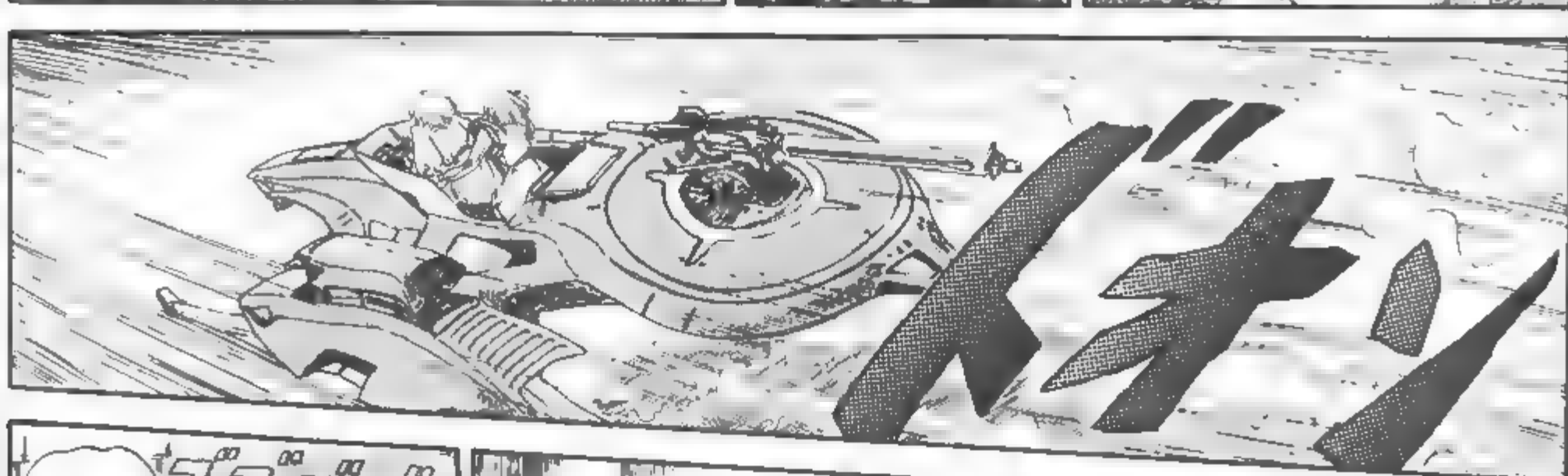
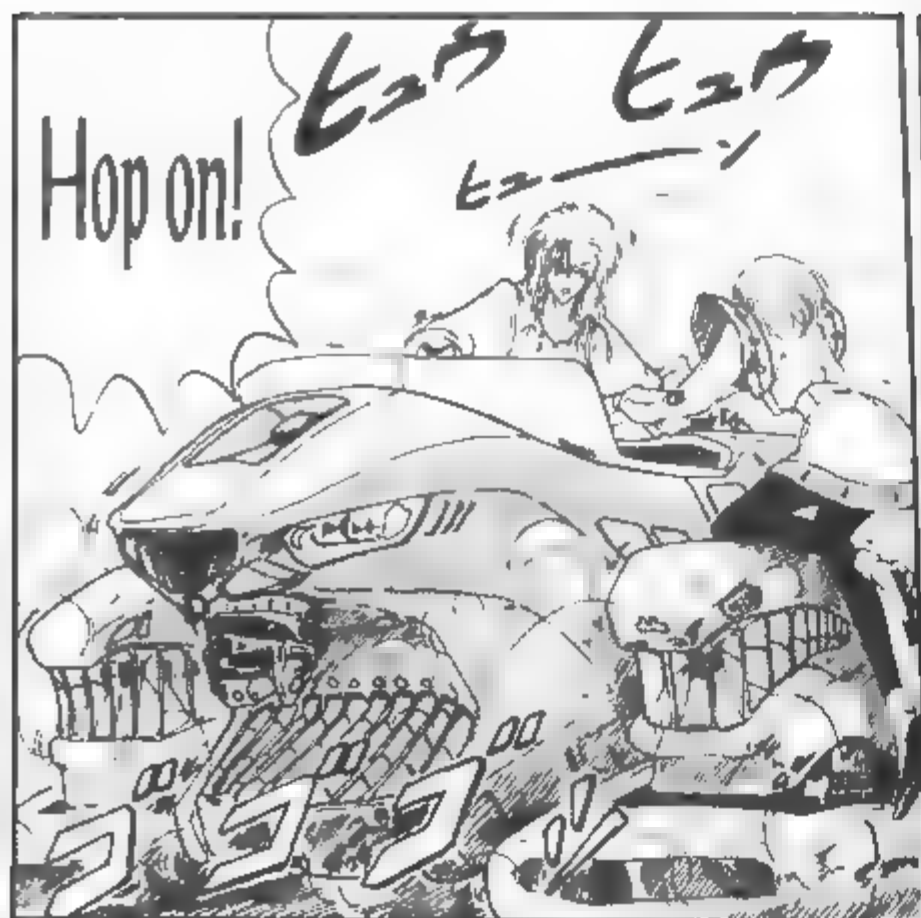
Arrest
those two.
Now!

As I expected,
that fatima is
out of her
mind.

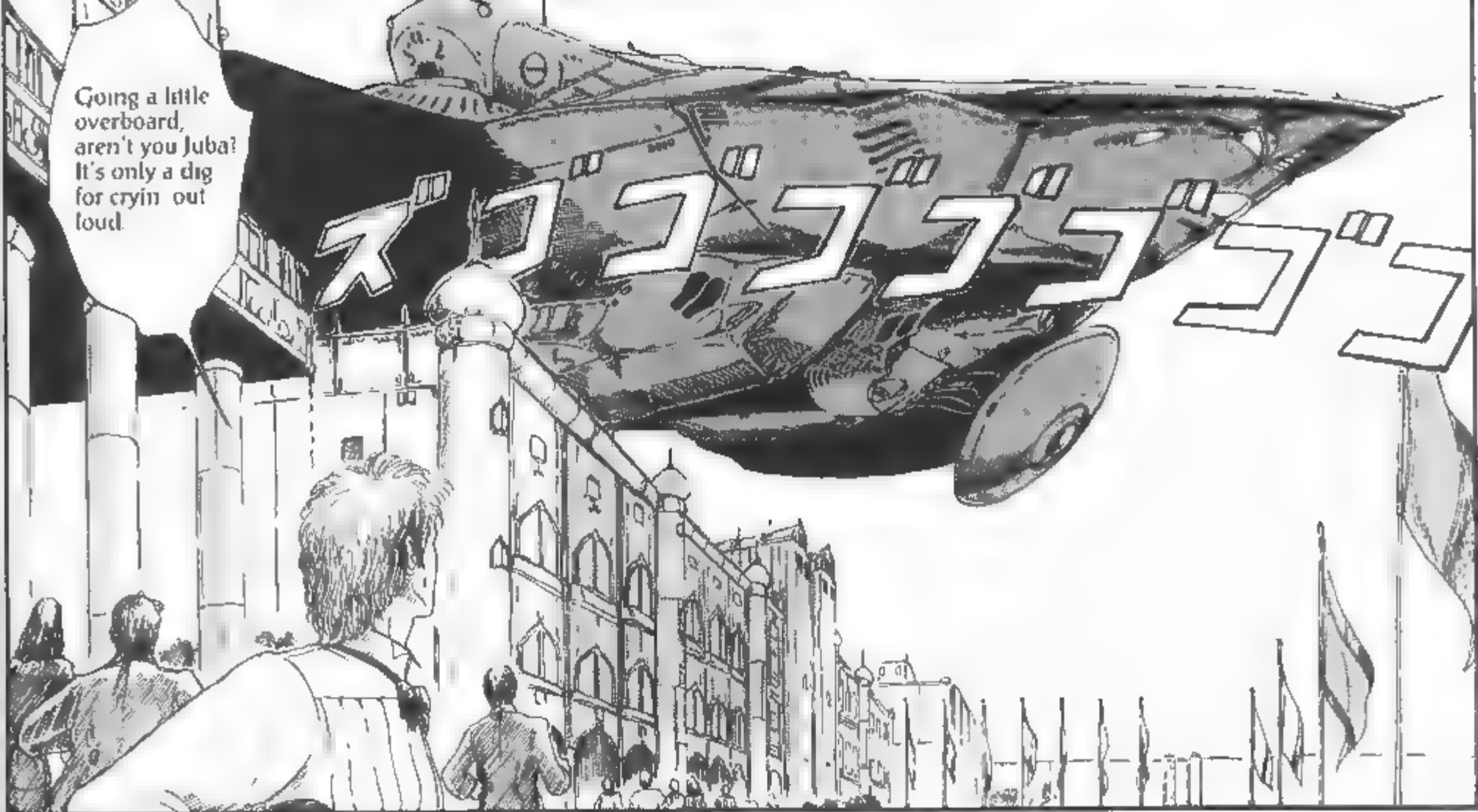
This is
preposterous!
Calling anyone
but a headliner
"master!"
Outrageous!







Going a little overboard, aren't you Juba? It's only a dig for cryin' out loud.

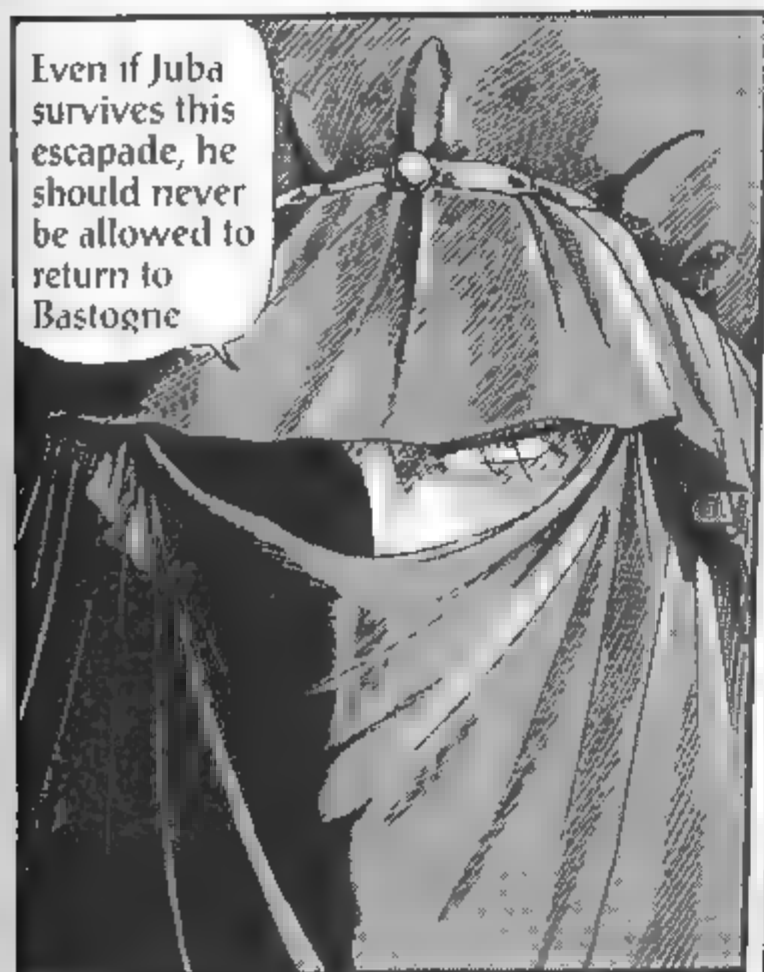


Just a minute, inspector.



Aye, aye, sir.

Get the Brandzi ready.



Even if Juba survives this escapade, he should never be allowed to return to Bastogne



Are you sure you want to leave just now? The palace is all but abandoned.



There's enough evidence lying around here to bring down this tyrant once and for all





You mean
Sopp pulled
this stunt to
help us out
here?



Let's go
Eatta.



Hold on
there!

Goodbye,
big sister!

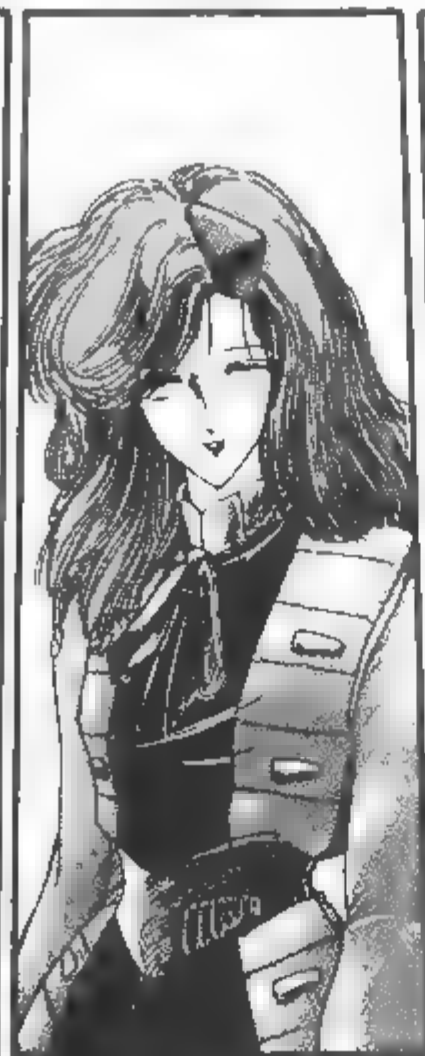


Bye, Clotho.
Stay well.

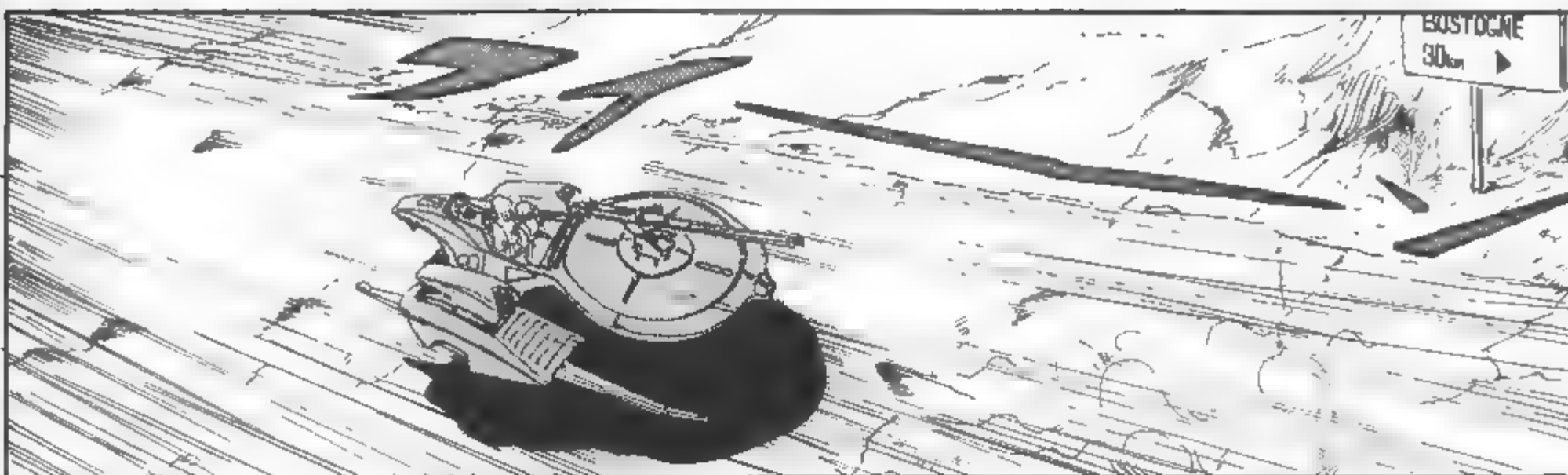


Don't worry,
Sir Voards. You
and Sopp will
meet again.



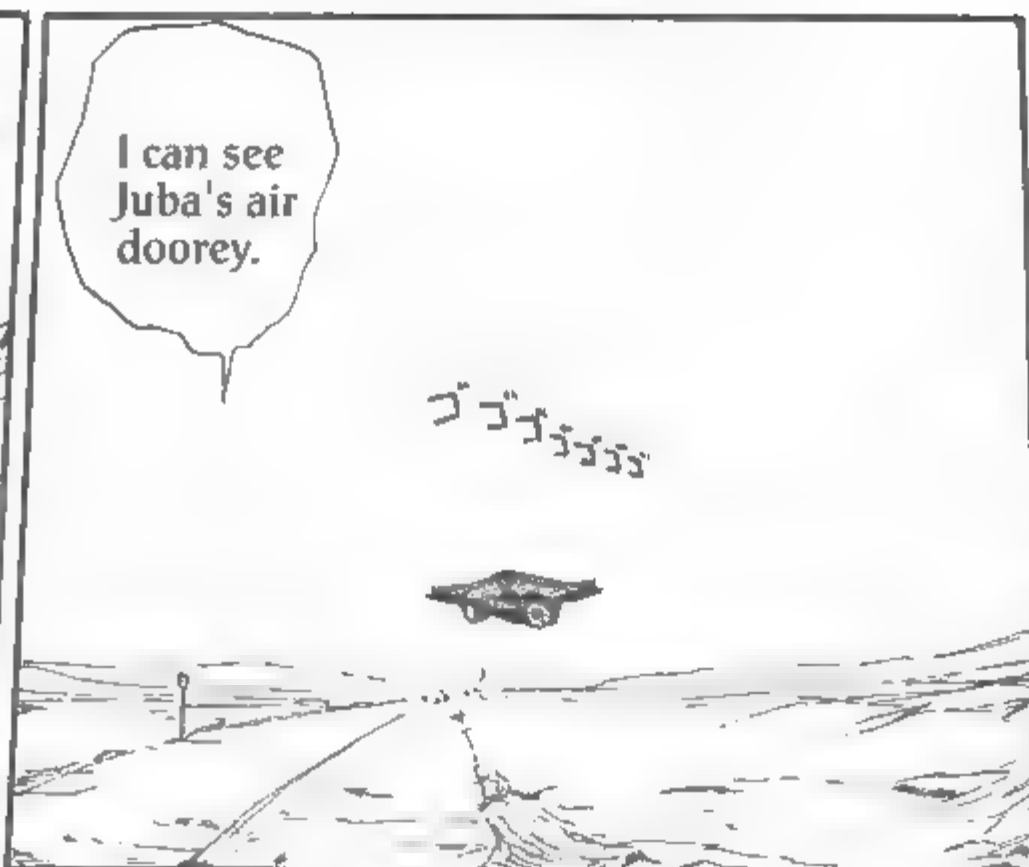


Later, Sopp





How far
behind
are they?

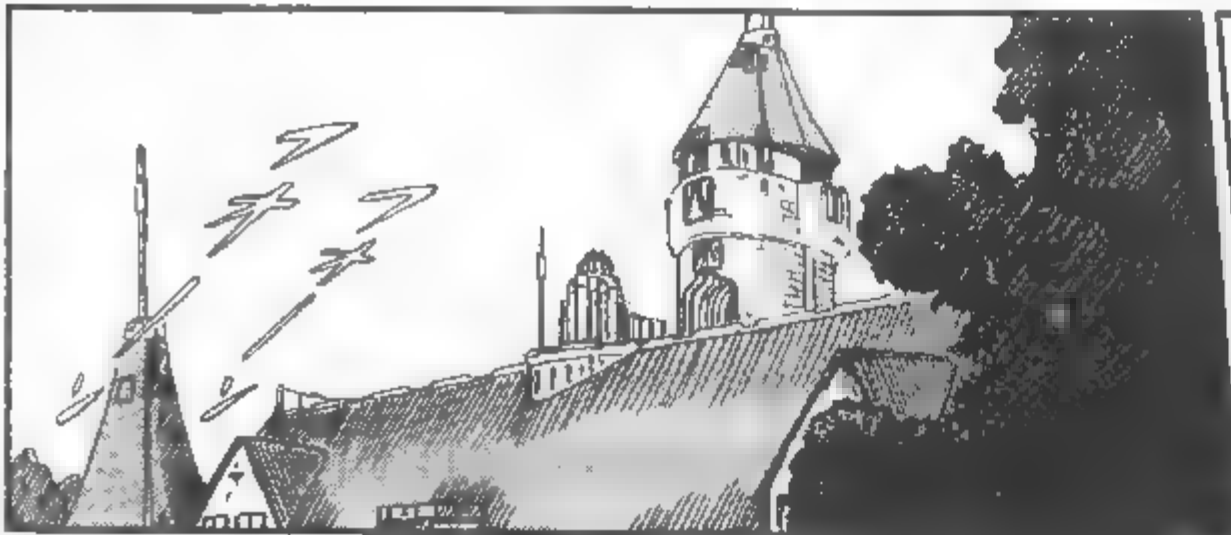


I can see
Juba's air
doorey.

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They're
gaining
on us.



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They'll be
on us in 10
minutes and
25 seconds.



...You'd
better come
out now!

Ballanche!
If you're in
there..





Grab him.
If he resists,
kill him.



Don't play
games,
Ballanche. You
know exactly
what the
matter is!



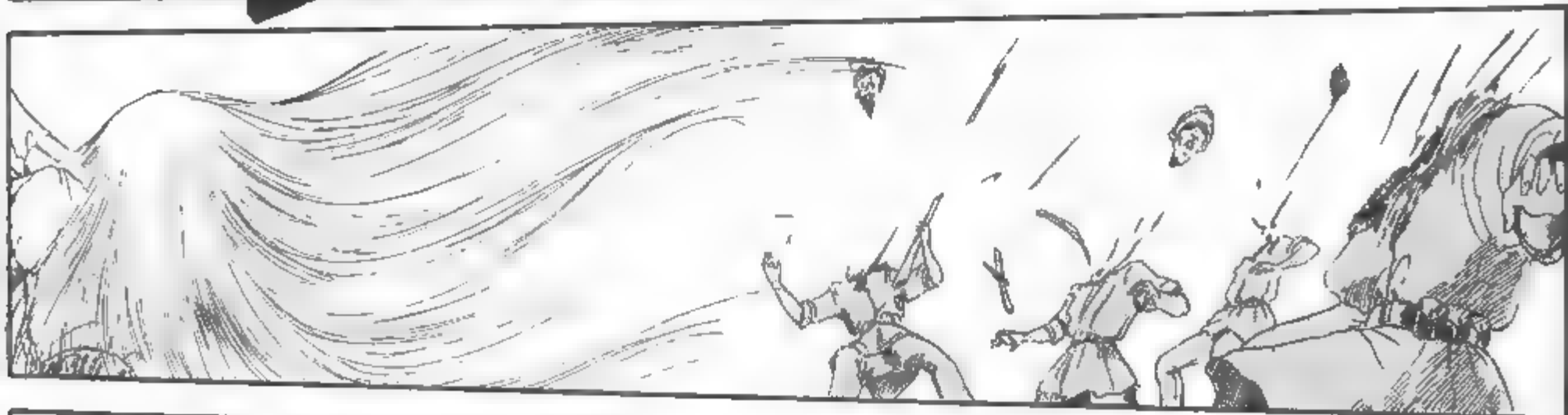
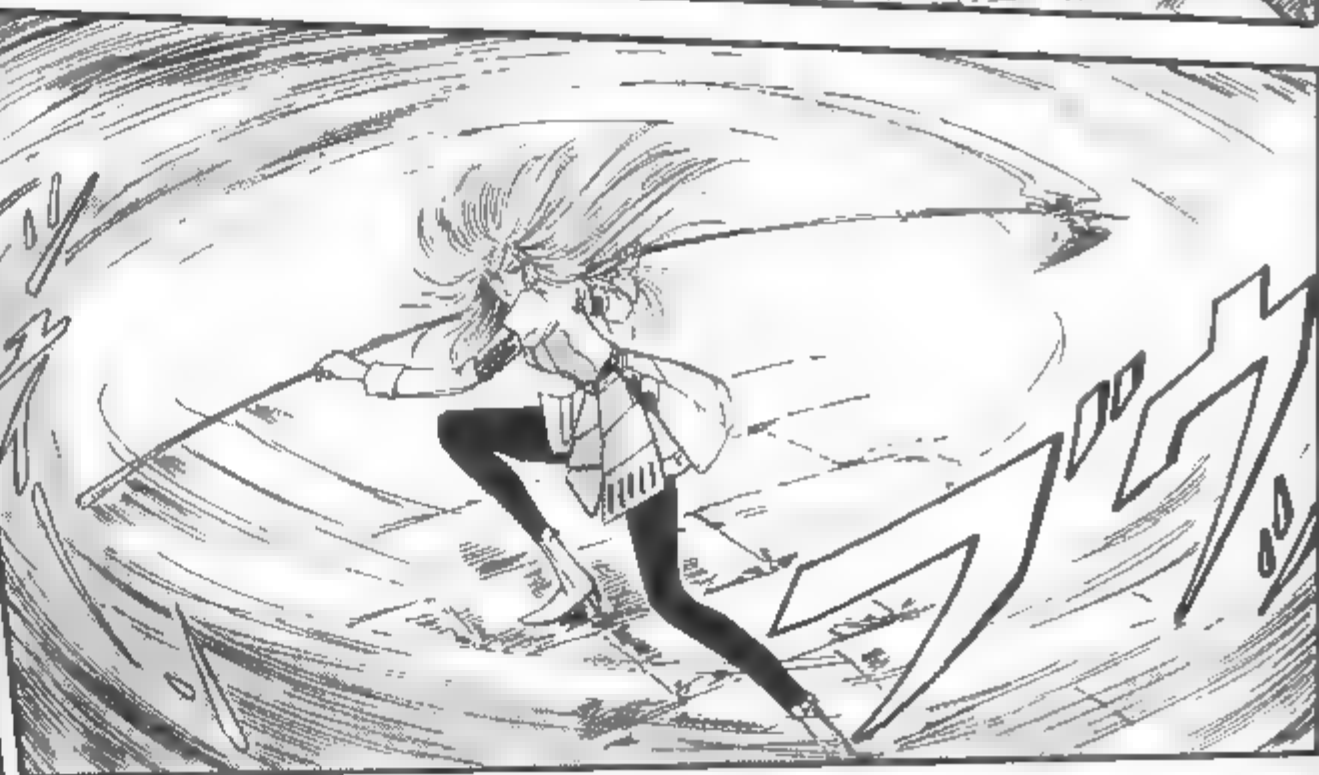
What seems
to be the
matter, Your
Highness?

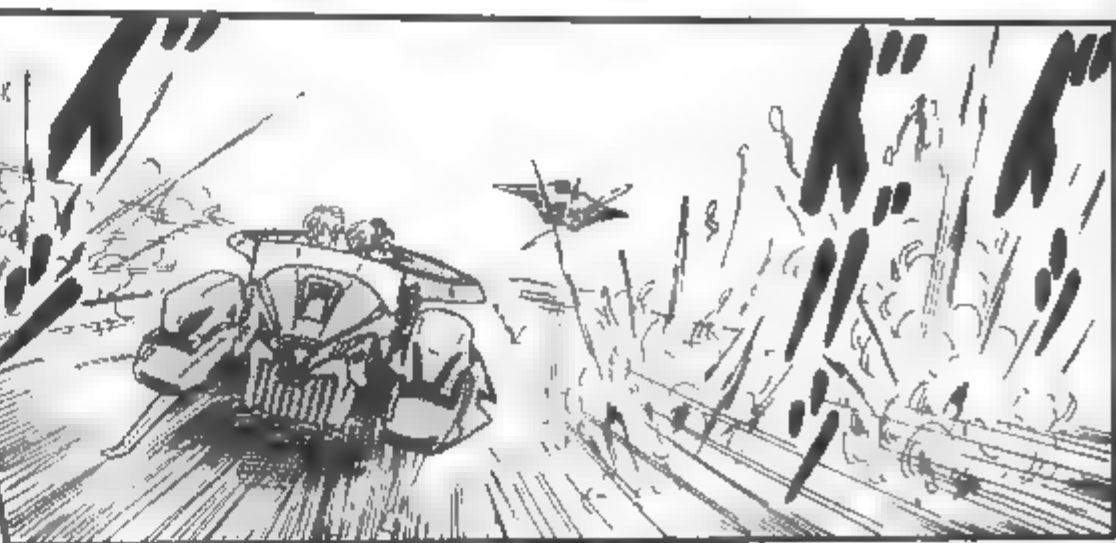
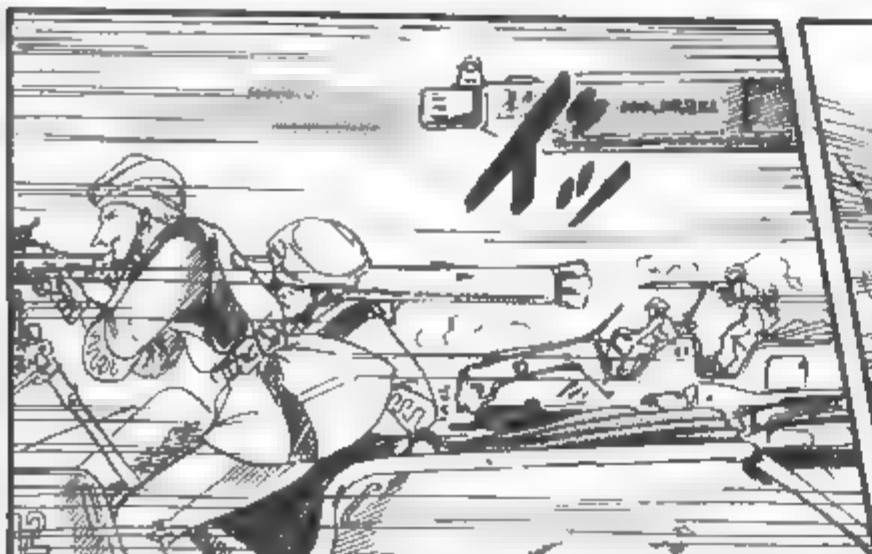
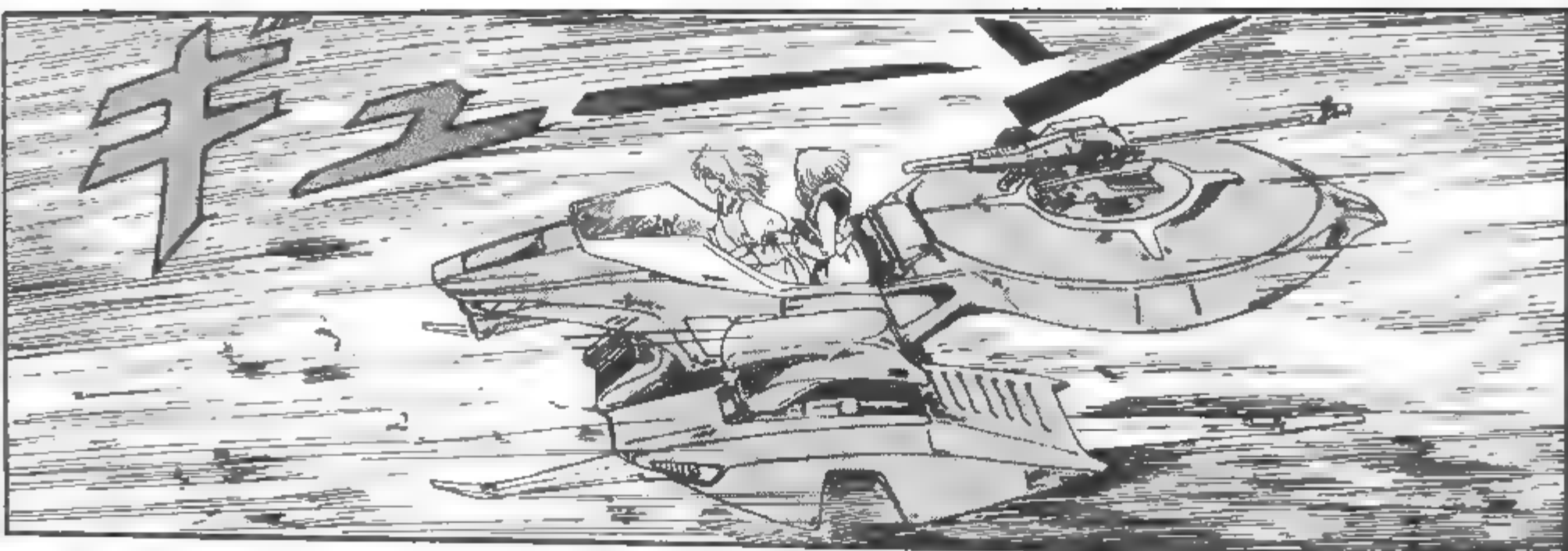


Like it or
not... We're
taking you
back to the
Palace.

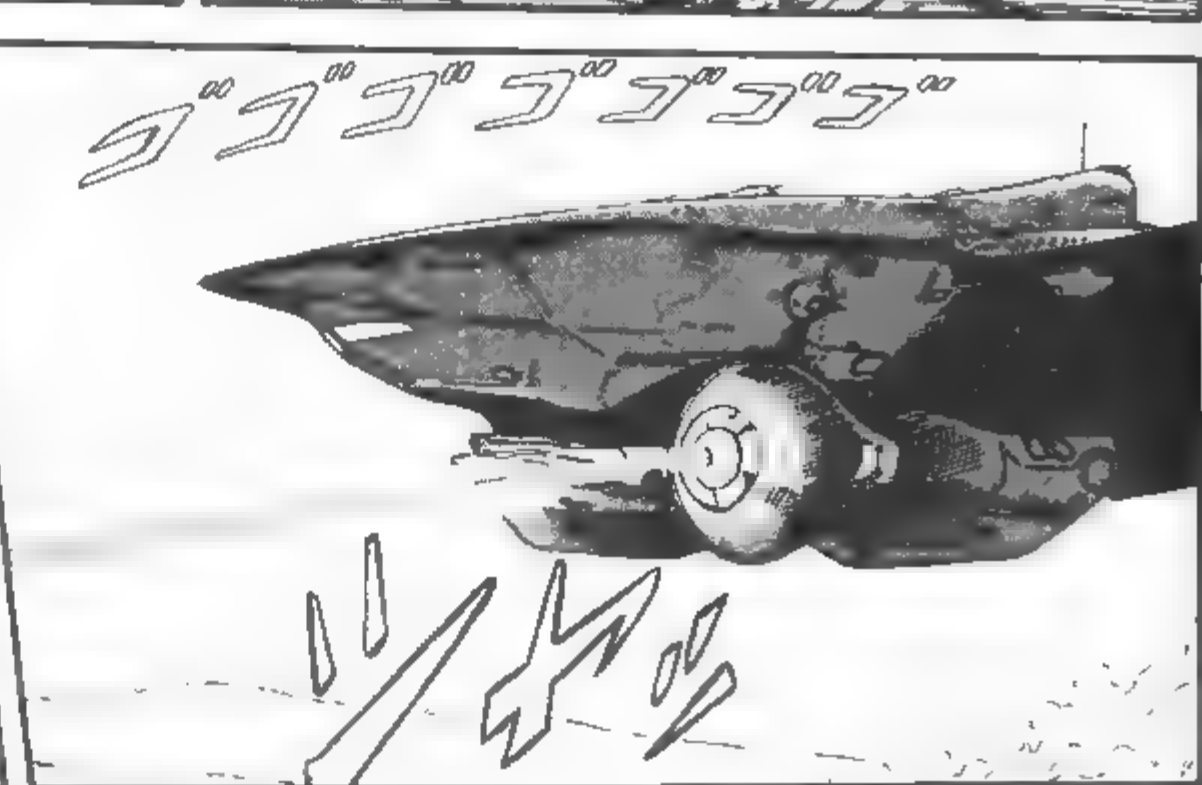
It seems your
fatimas, Clotho
and Lachesis,
were not
subjected to
mind control.
Know anything
about that?

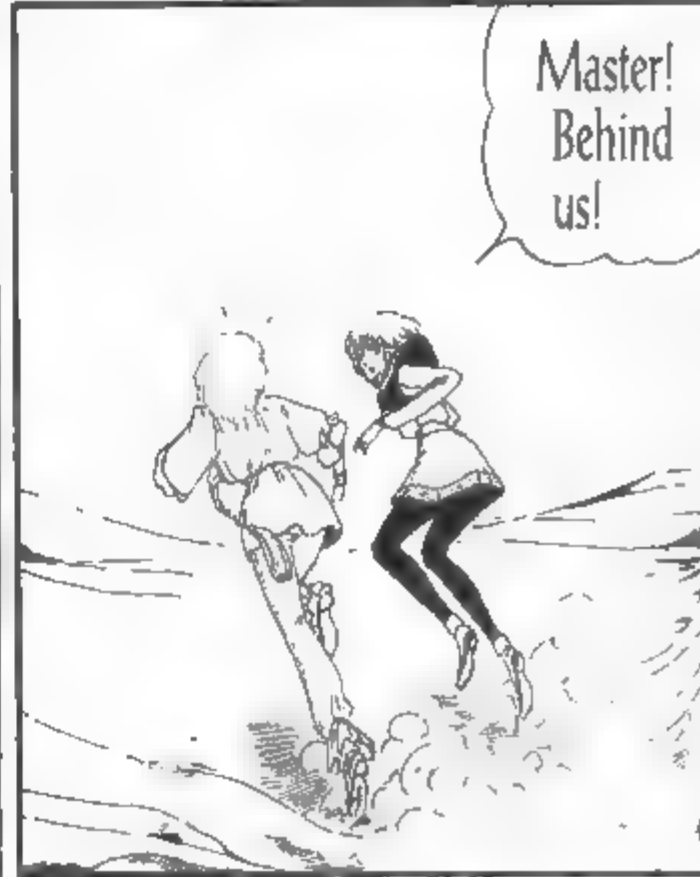
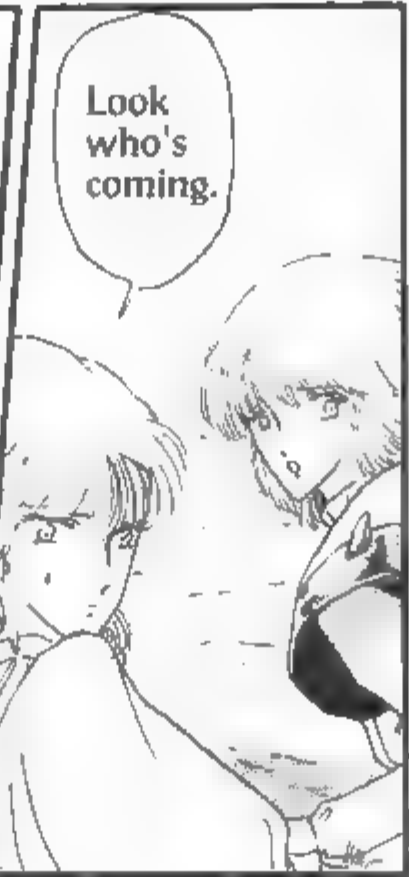
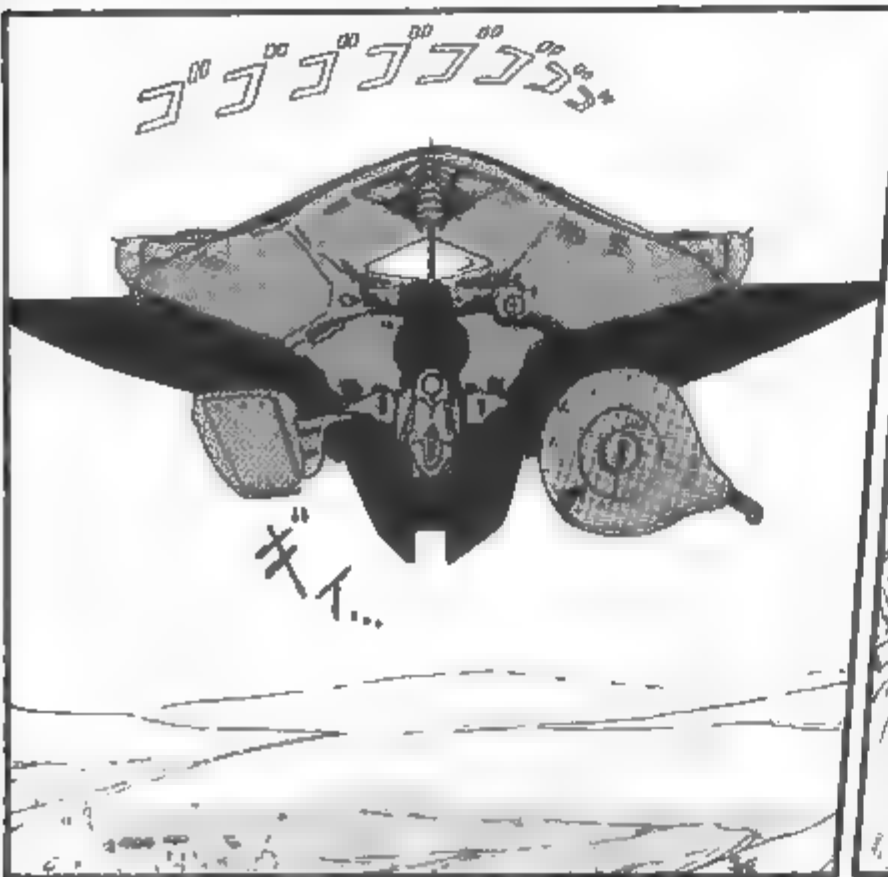




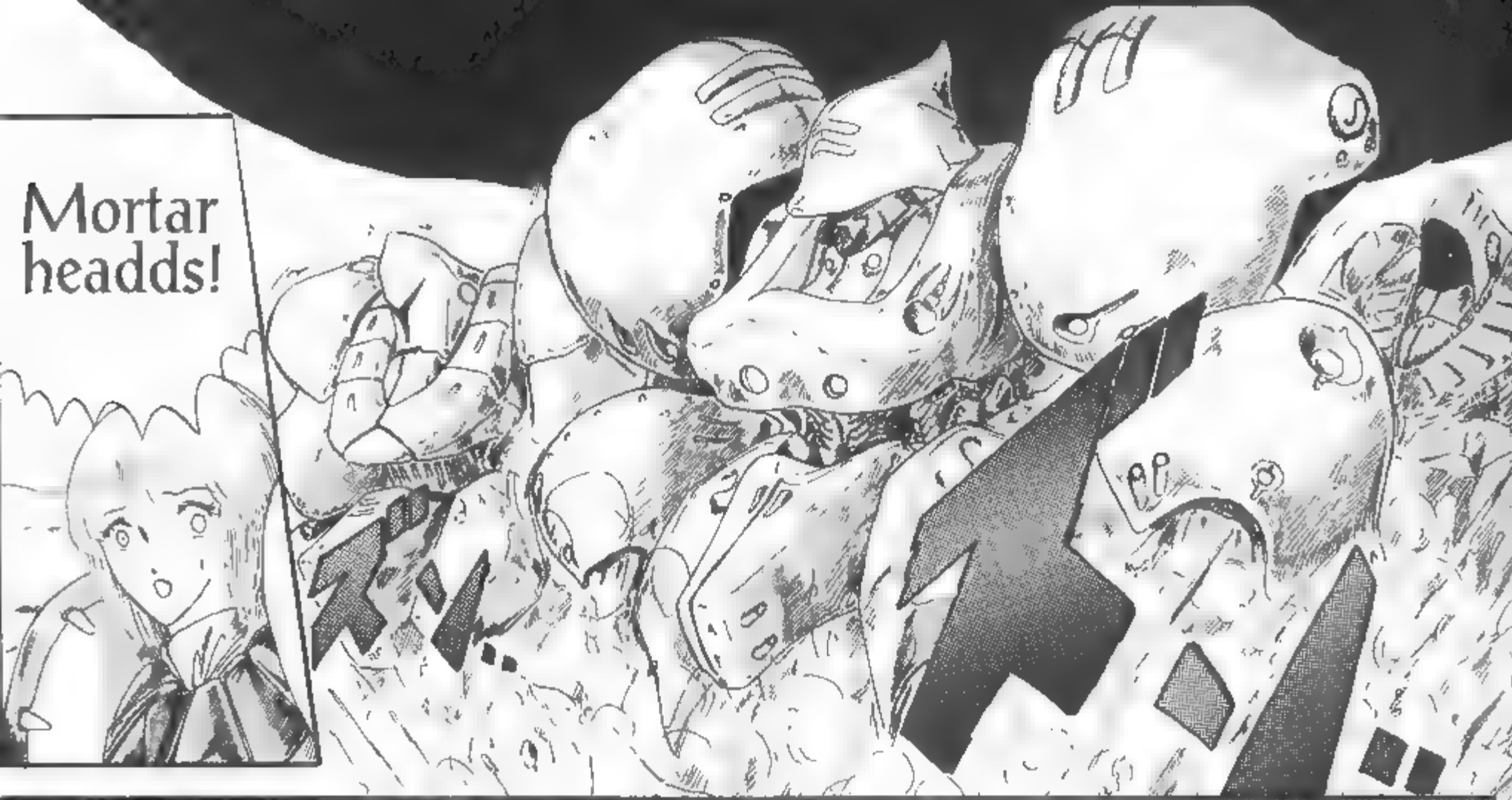


cake's probably dressed in white and gold for the occasion.





Mortar
headds!



Dr Bal-lan-
che, may I
have a word
with you in
private?

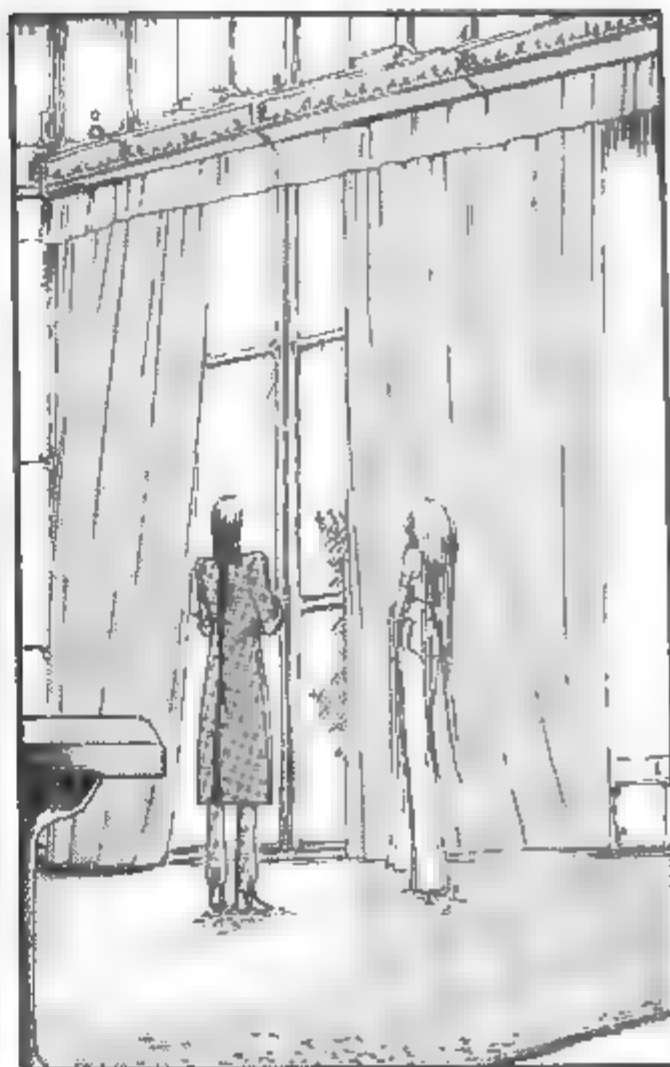
Good work.
Remain at
ease until
the mother
ship arrives.



Well,
I'll be..

The Bell Creal
will be here
shortly. Our
troops will
clean up this
mess.

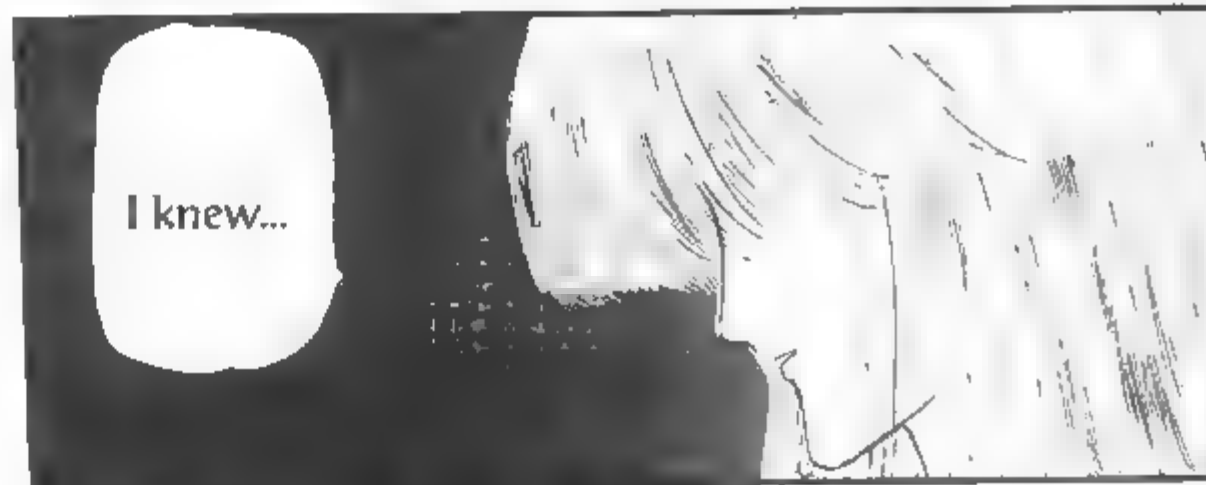
Lachesis
went with
Sopp.



Well,
well.



I knew...

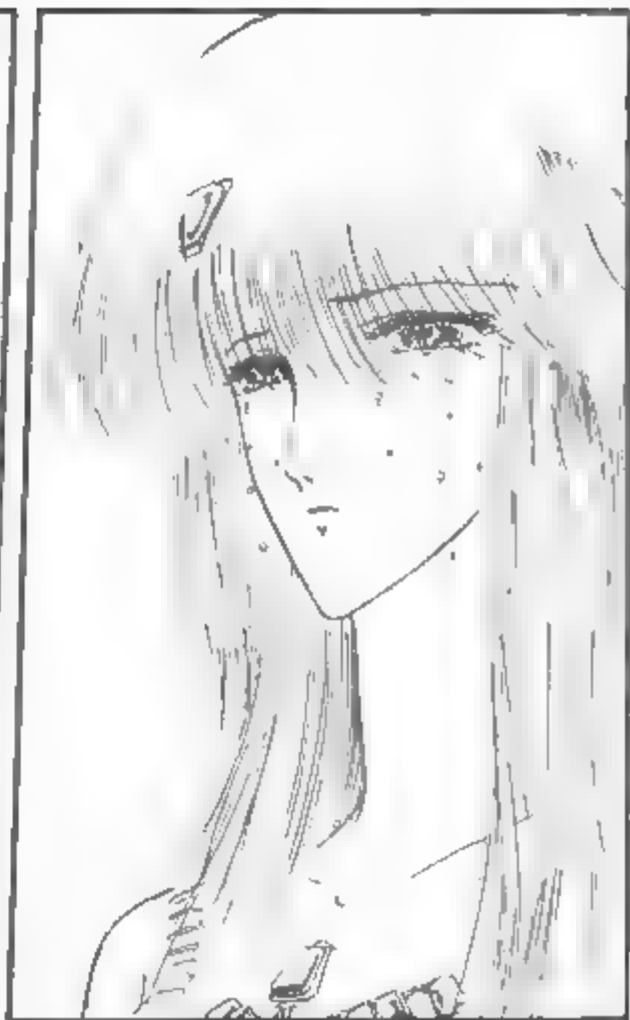


I knew the
day would
come...



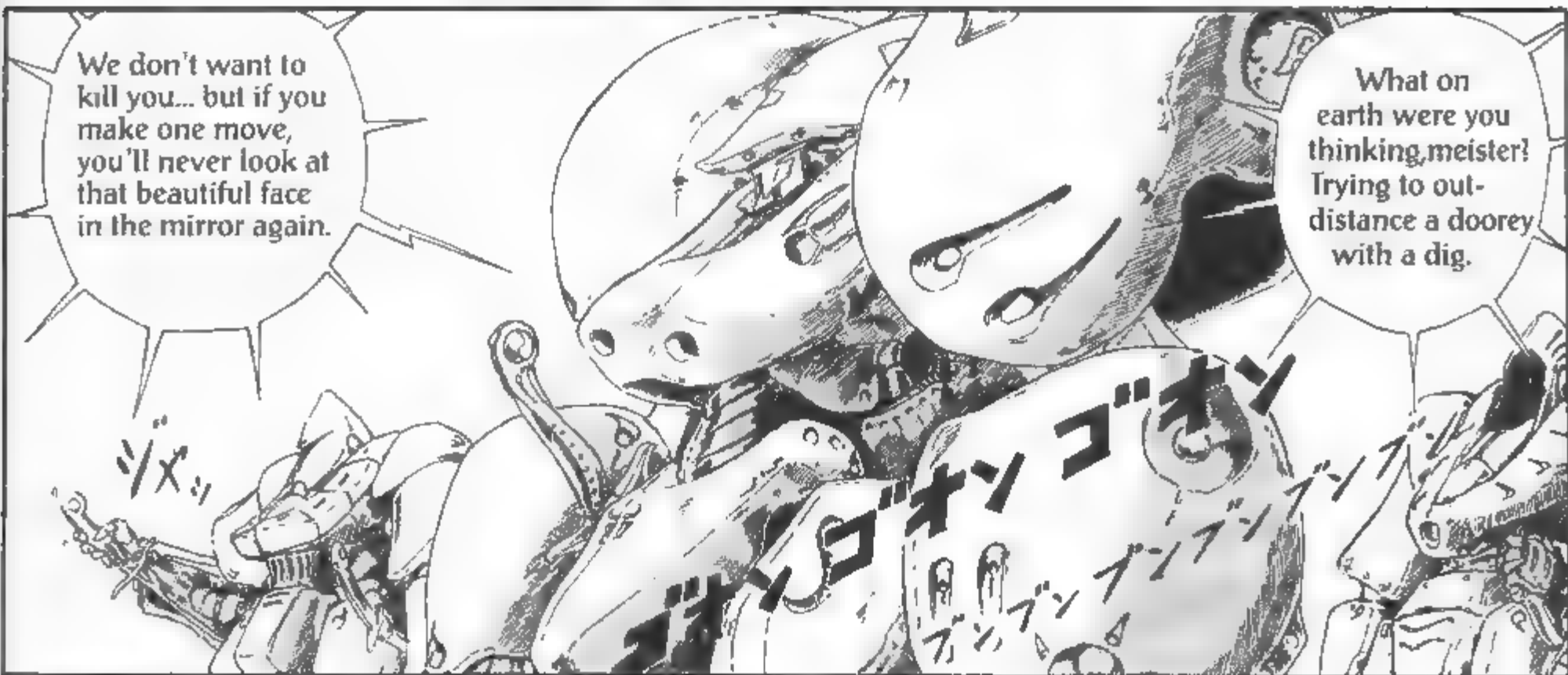
.When he would leave me.





We don't want to kill you... but if you make one move, you'll never look at that beautiful face in the mirror again.

What on earth were you thinking, meister? Trying to out-distance a doorey with a dig.



You'll never get away from me.

It's no use, Sopp.

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What a fool... Running to this god-forsaken place.



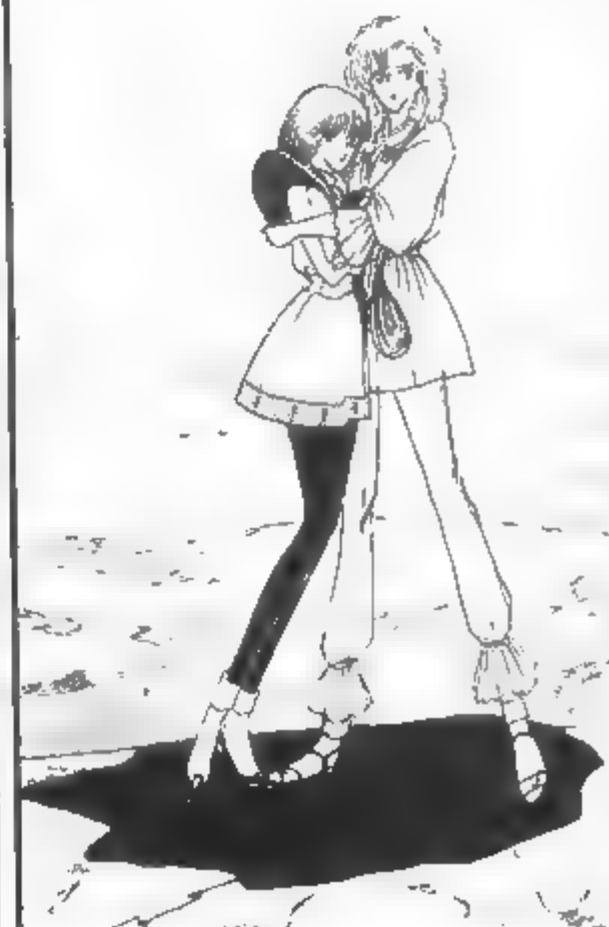
Bring them here.



I crash landed here because I didn't bring a dig...

What!

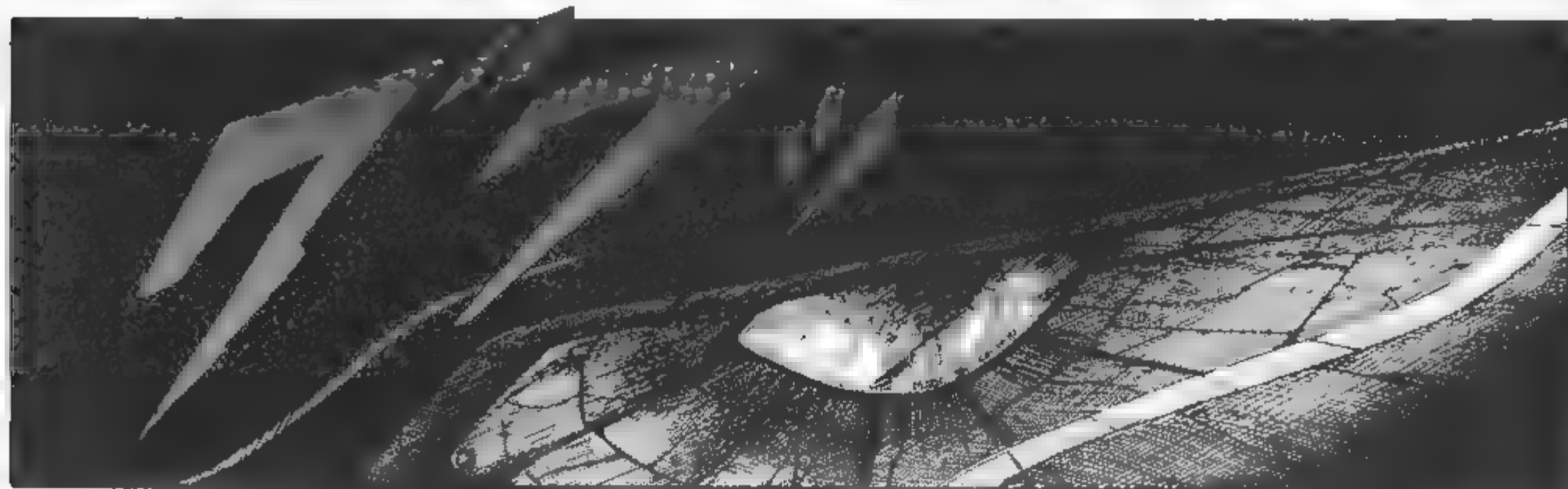
I'm sure it was up here.



Hey You!
Rise and
shine!

...At least I got
the chance to
hitch a ride
with the
President of
Trün.

After all those
failures, I finally
made it this far.



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What's
that?

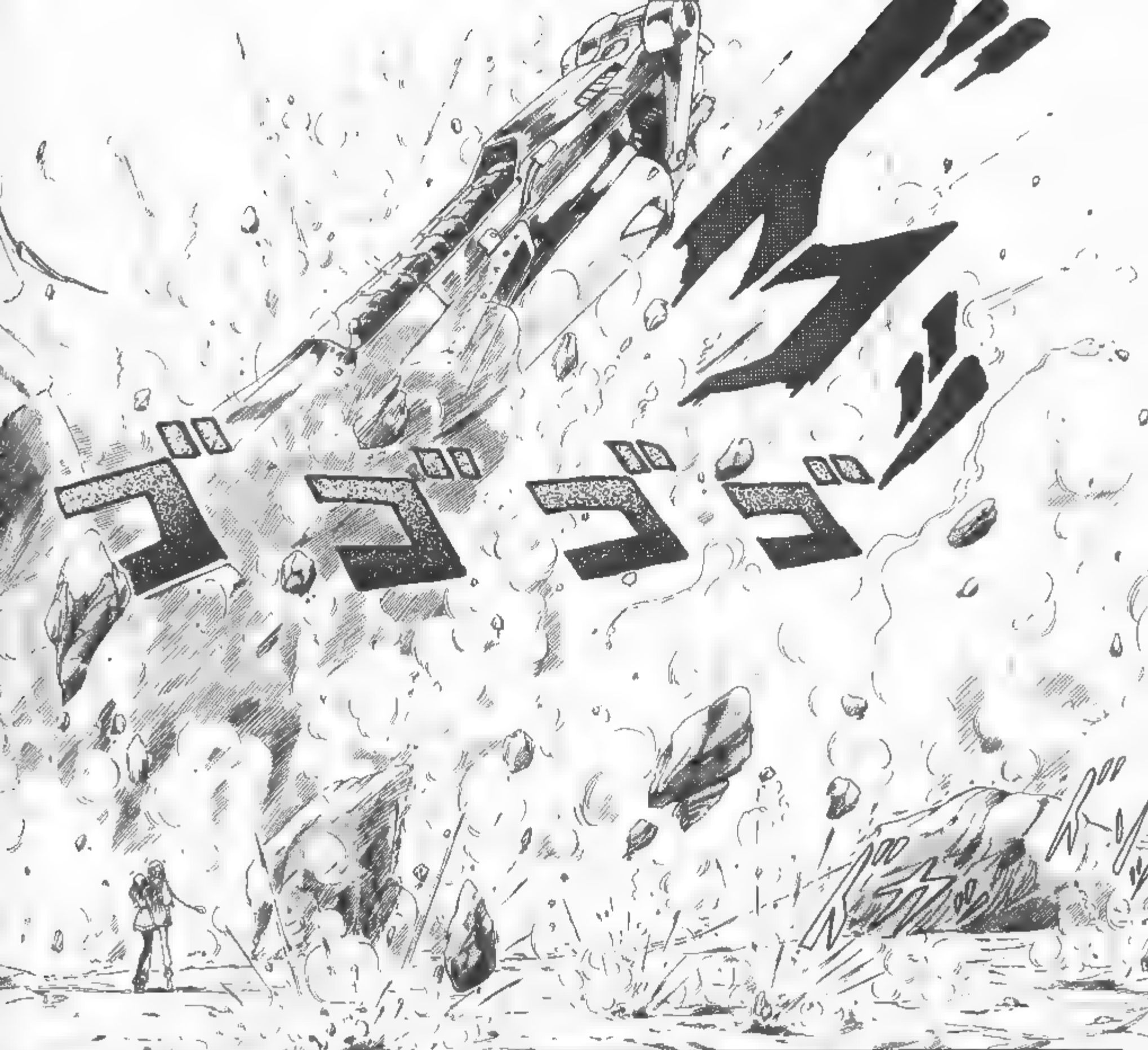
What's
that sound?

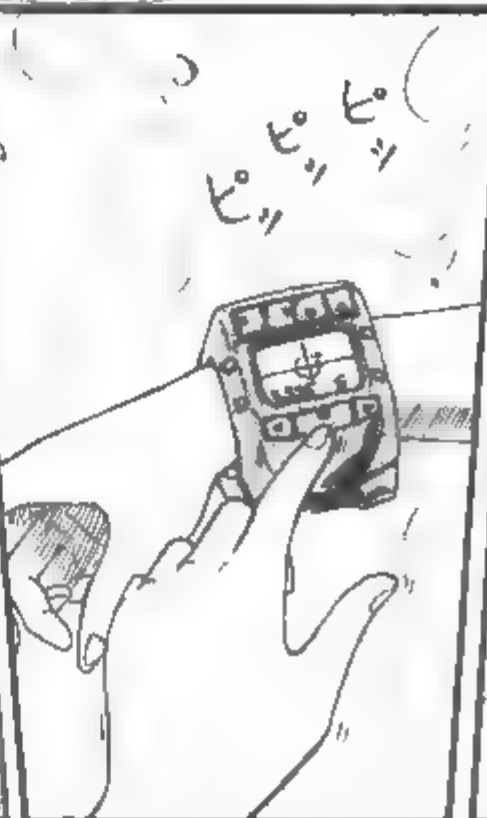
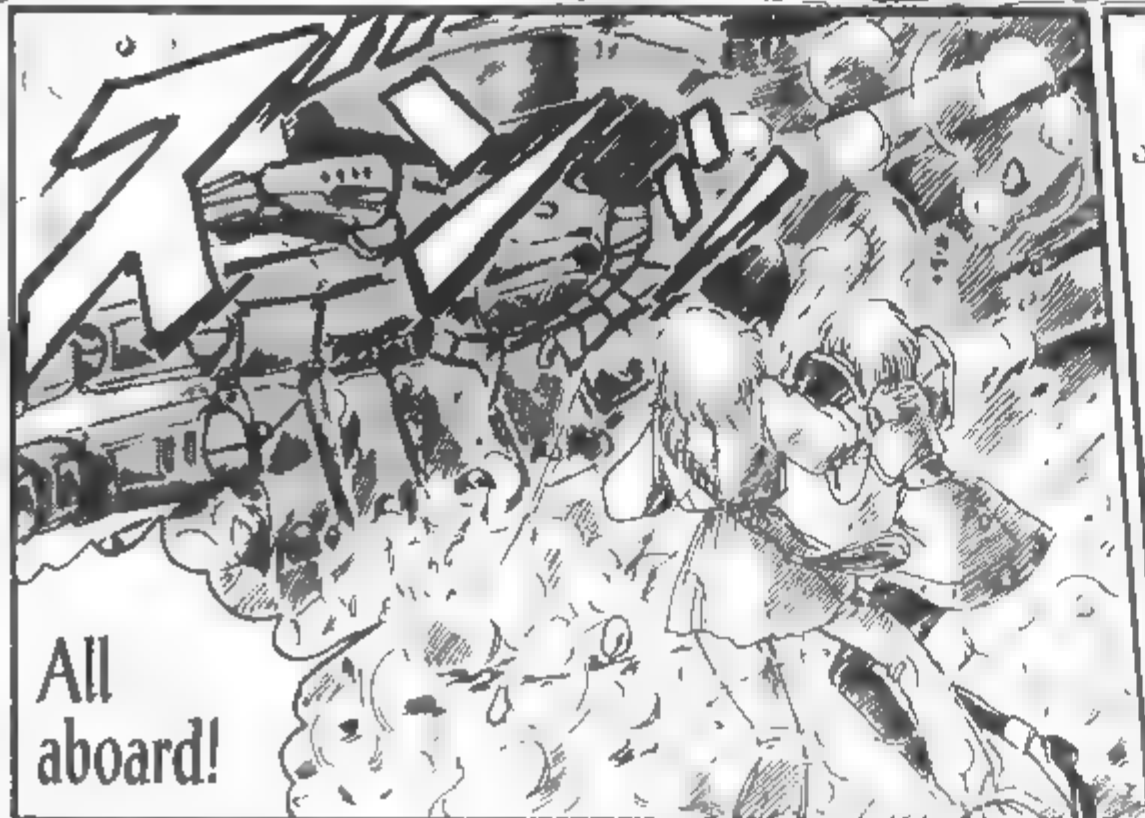
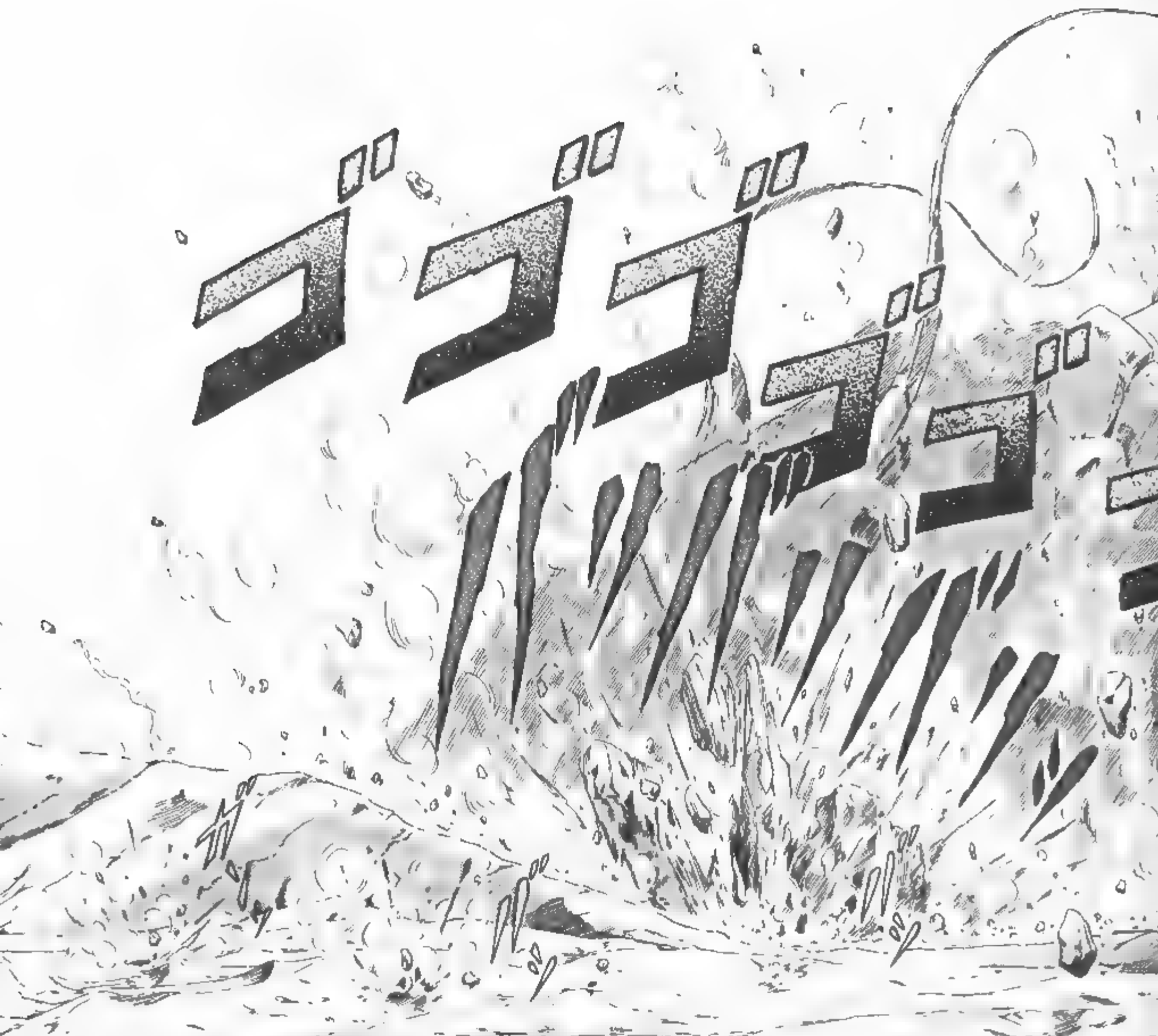
Mr. Sopp!

The earth's
shaking!

What
the...

!!



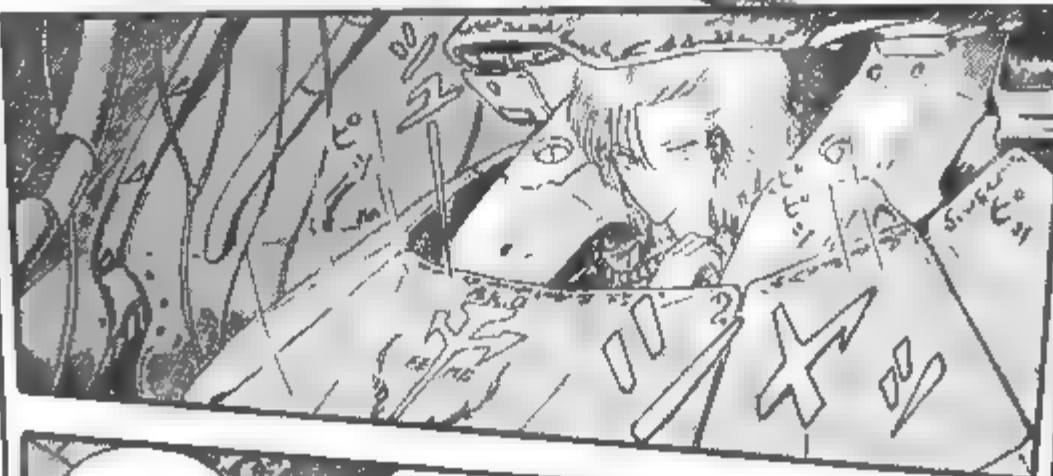


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Listen! Even I
couldn't control
this thing. You
be careful, now.



Uh
hum.

Can you
make out
the controls?



And it's
made of...

A mortar
headd!

It's a...

Systems go!





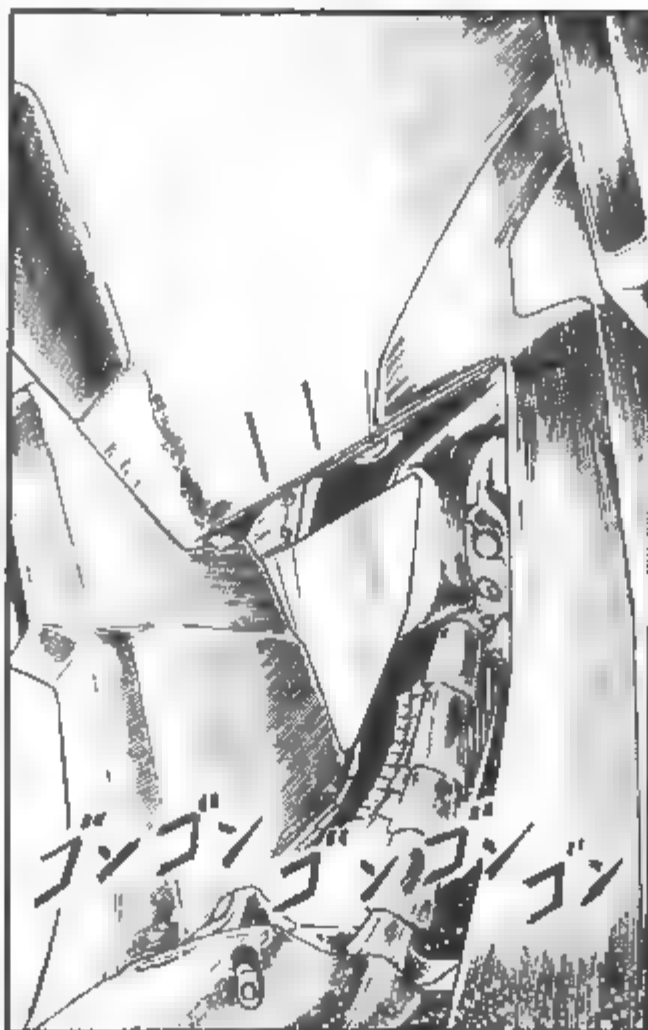
KOC,
the Electric Knight
of Gold

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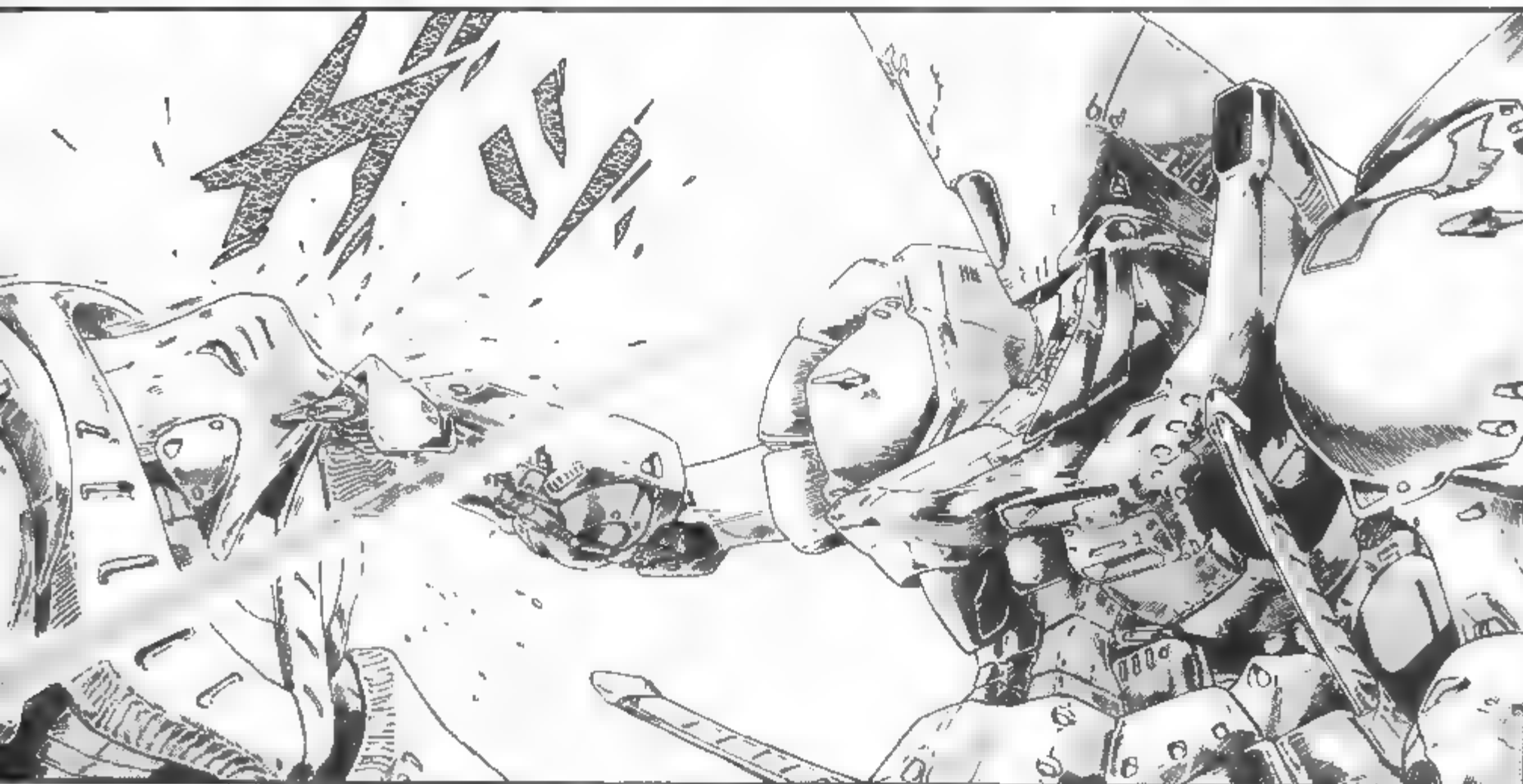
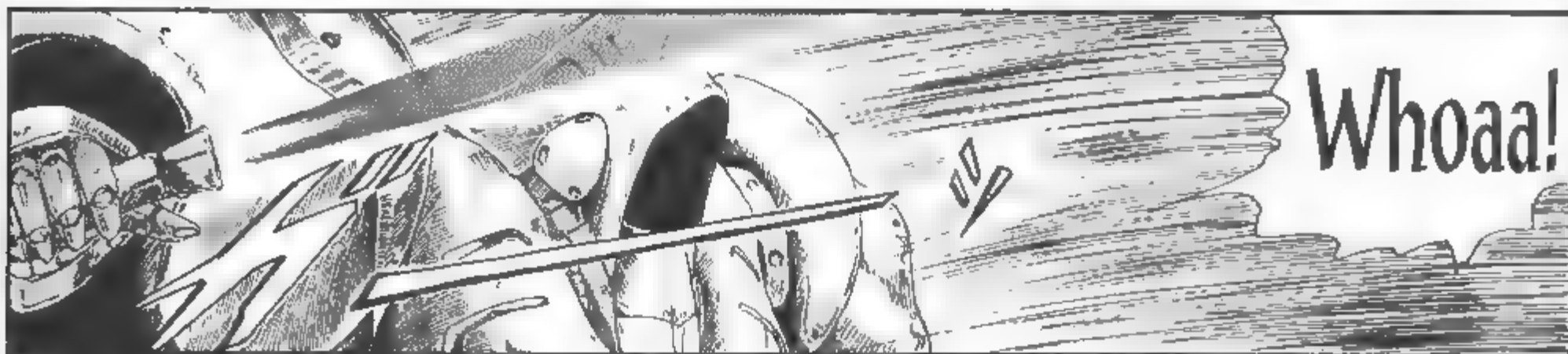
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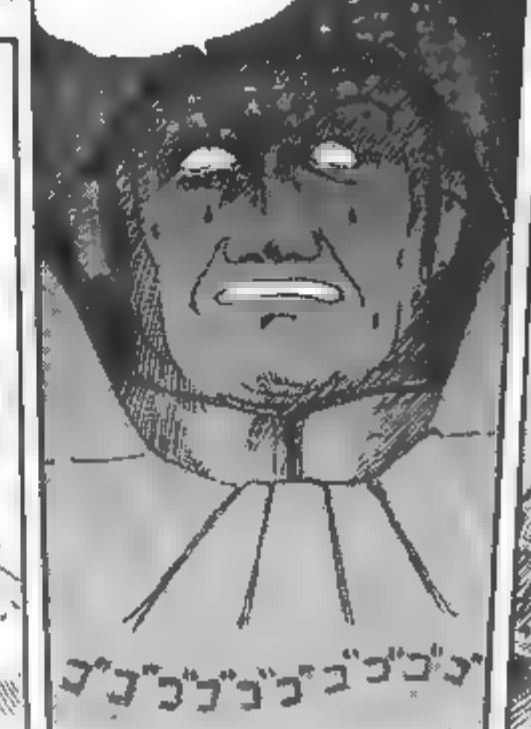
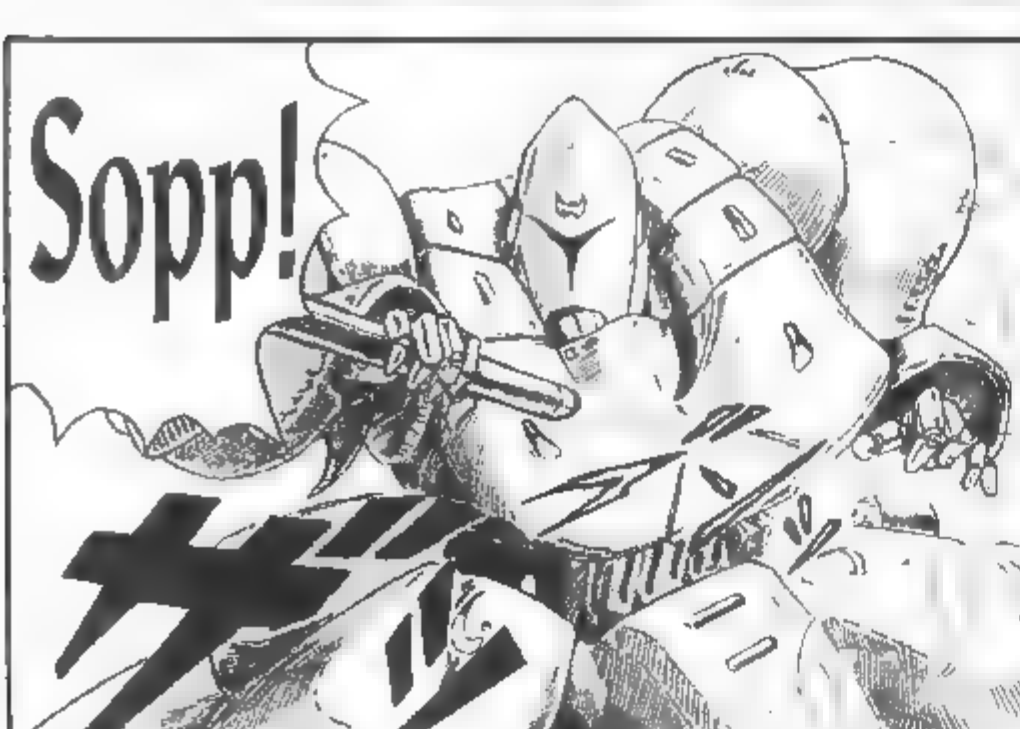
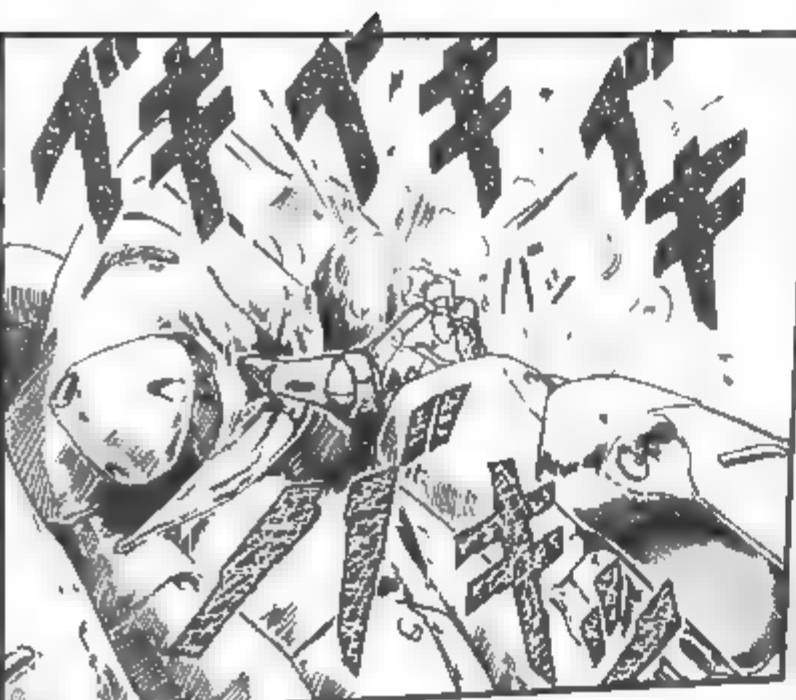
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Gilding!
That's all.

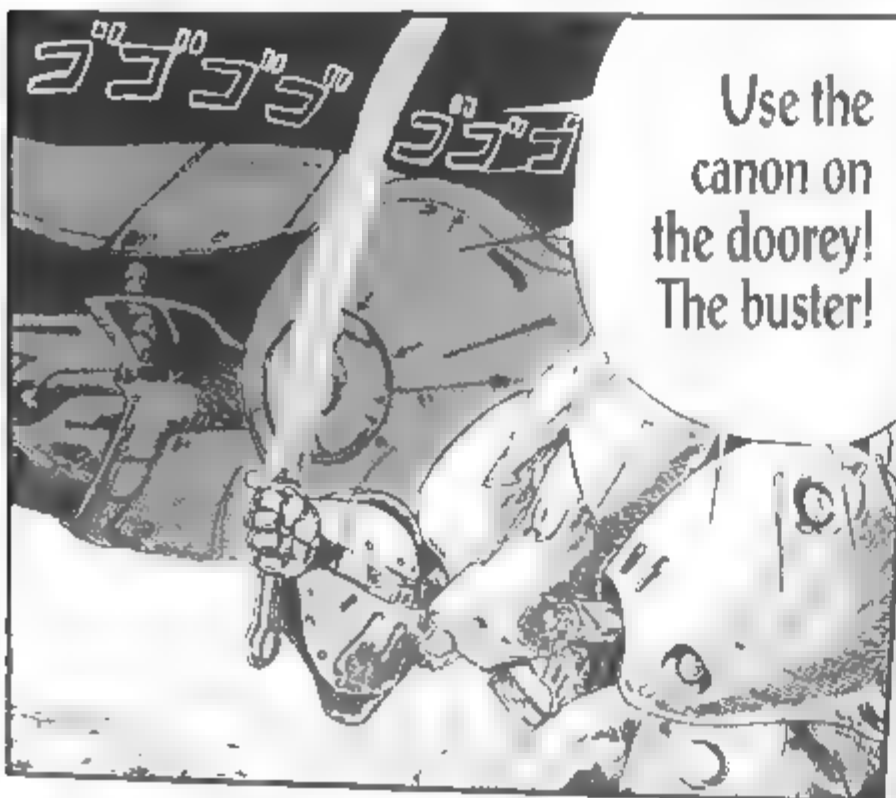


No! I
don't
believe it!









Use the
canon on
the doorey!
The buster!

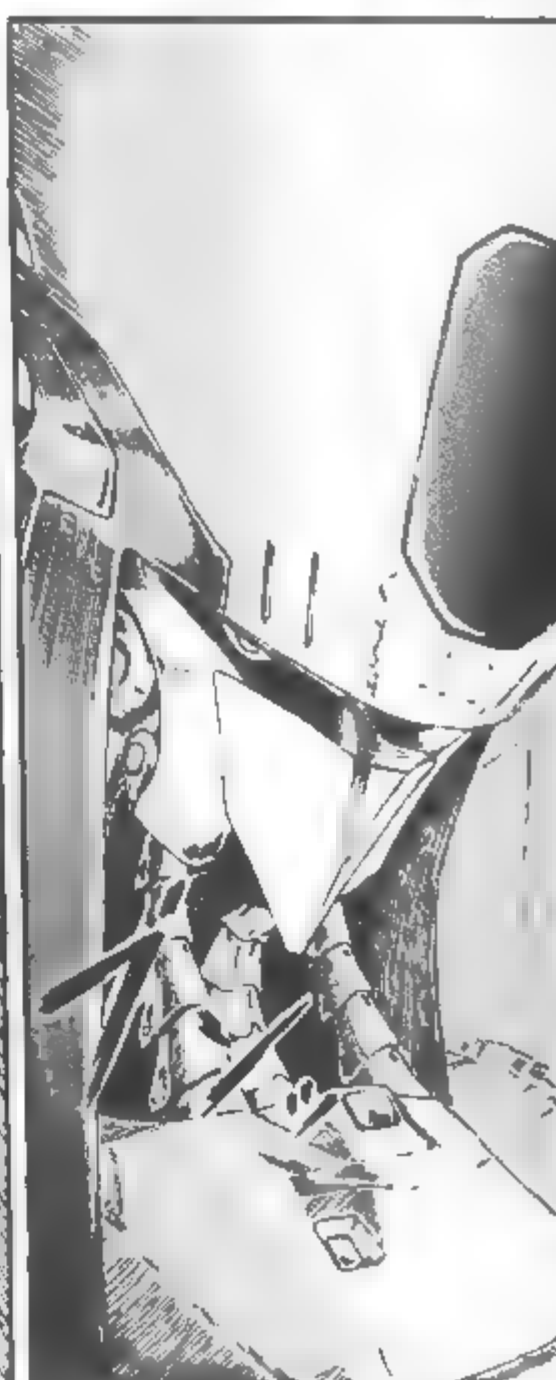


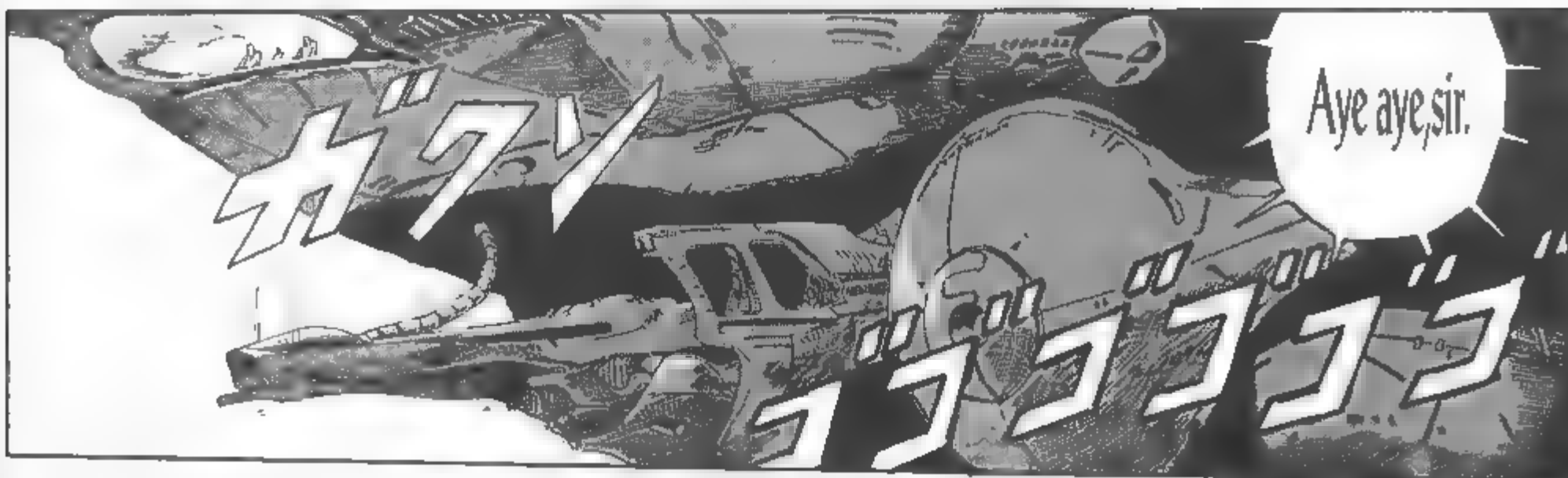
This can't be
happening.
It's a demon
from hell!



Fool!
That's all we
have against
this monster.

No!
It's too
dangerous
We're too
close.



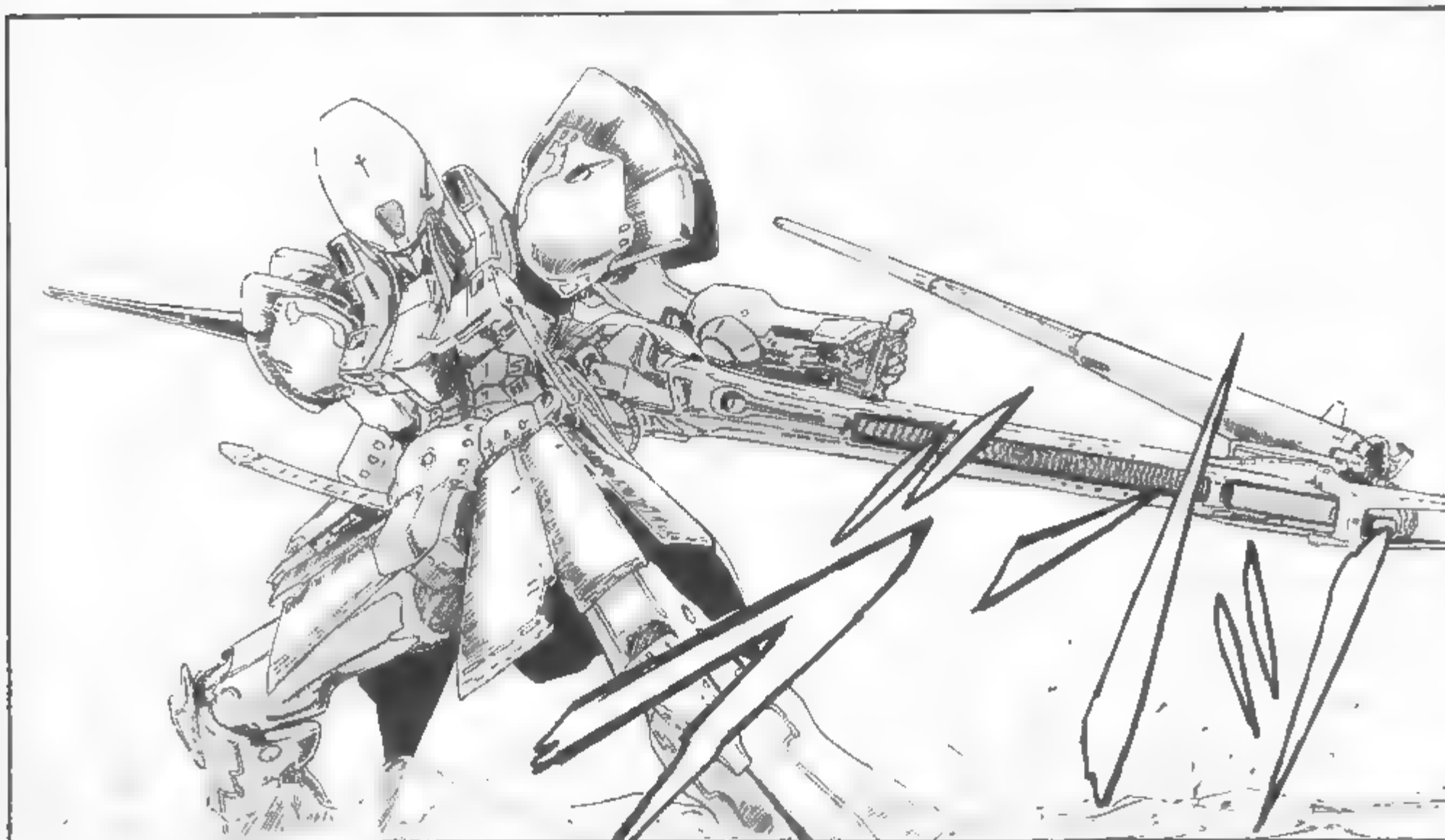


Aye aye, sir.

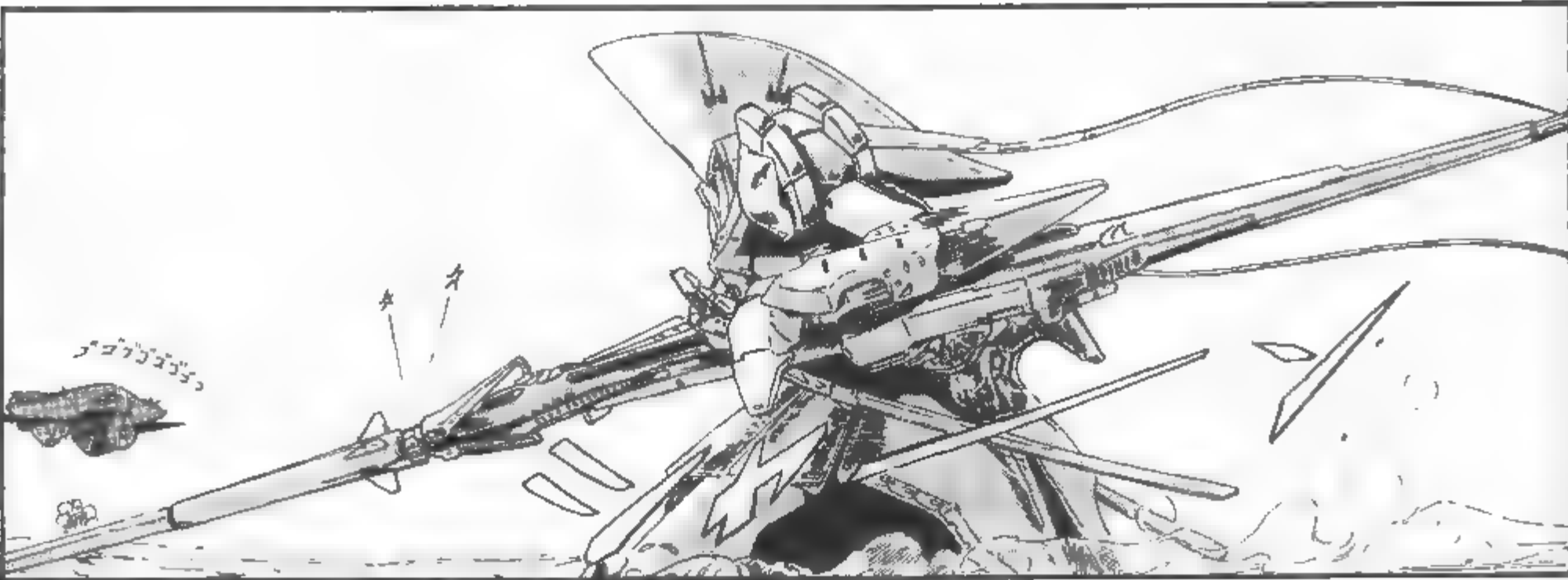


We've got one of those.

They've got a buster rock,* sire.



*A buster cannon second in destructive force to the buster launcher.



And watch for overload.

We could get a reverberation of energy, Laki.

The accuracy's not so great, but the impact is devastating

A sawed off buster launcher.

Fire, damn it. Now!

2 seconds to firing.

Aye aye, sire.

Open the seer. I've got the timing, you take the trigger.

Energy chamber pressurization proceeding as normal. Beginning rifling rotation.

Aye aye, sire.

▲ 2,000,000
▼ 1,500,000

Lower the contact.



Bullseye!!



No!
Not a
buster?!







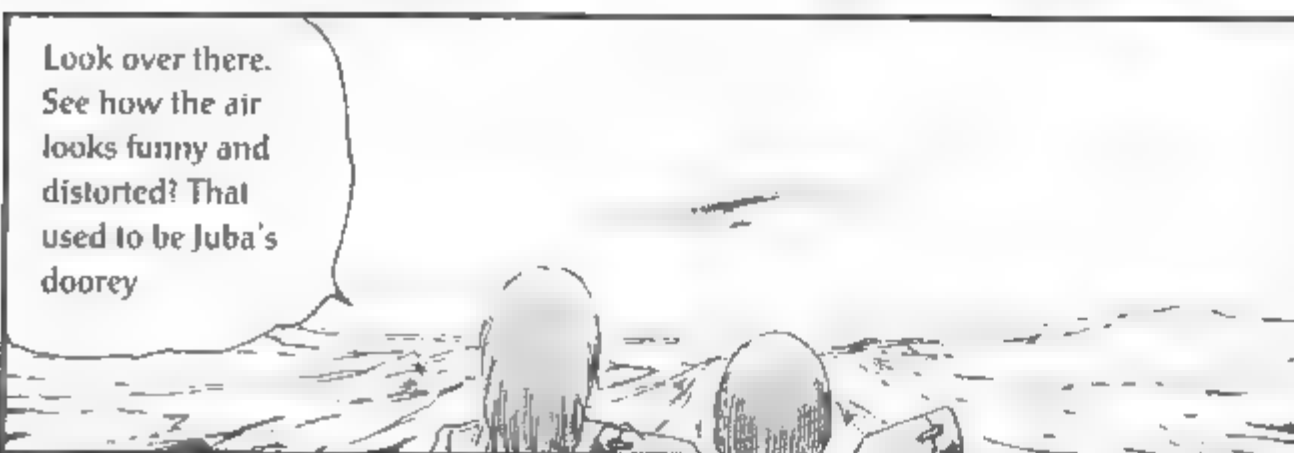
I'm okay, but
KOG has some
shorted circuits



Lachesis?
You all
right?



Still haven't
got all the
bugs out yet...
as usual.



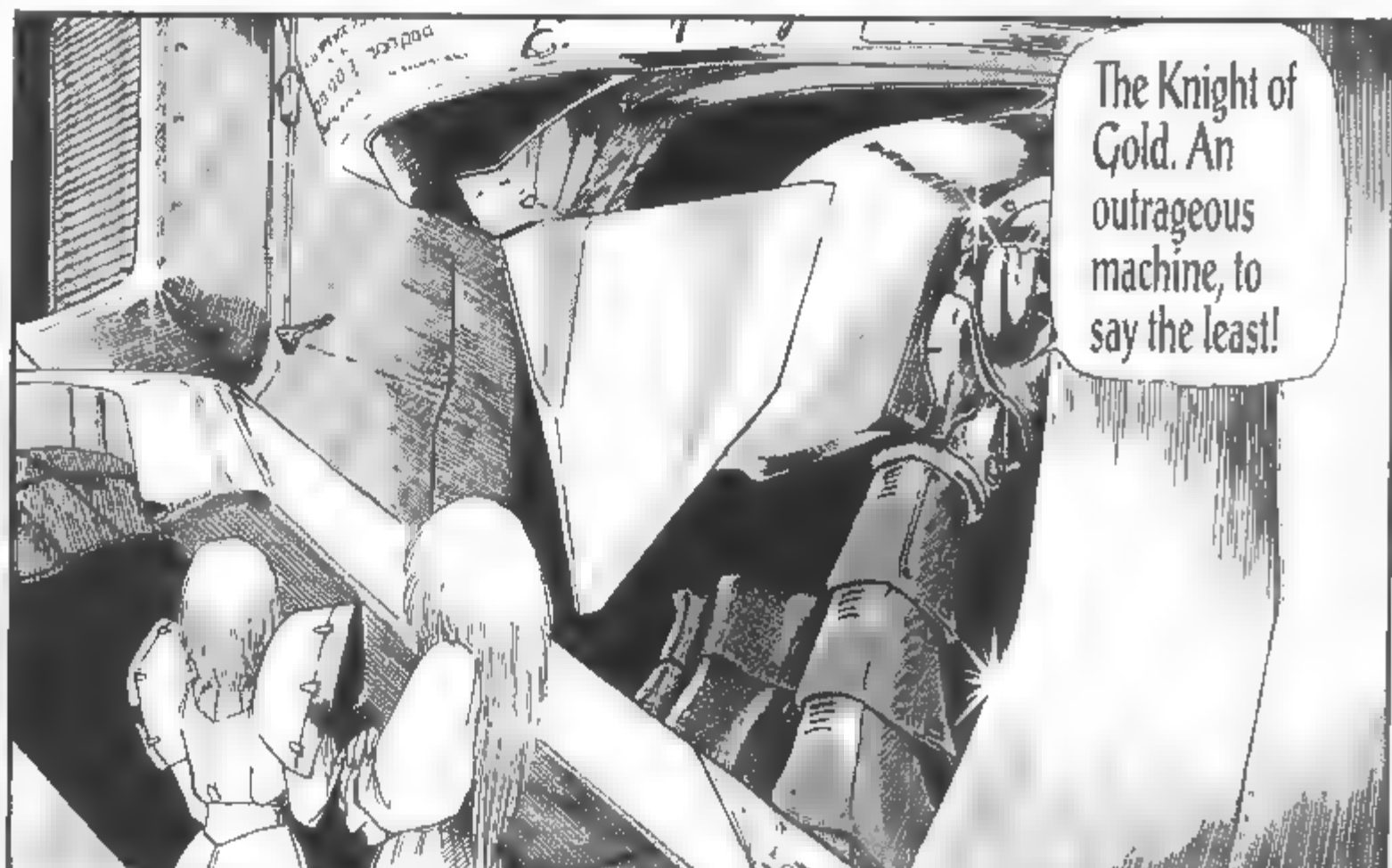
Look over there.
See how the air
looks funny and
distorted? That
used to be Juba's
doorey



But what
power! Off
the scale!



My golden
mortar headd.



The Knight of
Gold. An
outrageous
machine, to
say the least!



I hope we
will be
together
for a long
time to
come

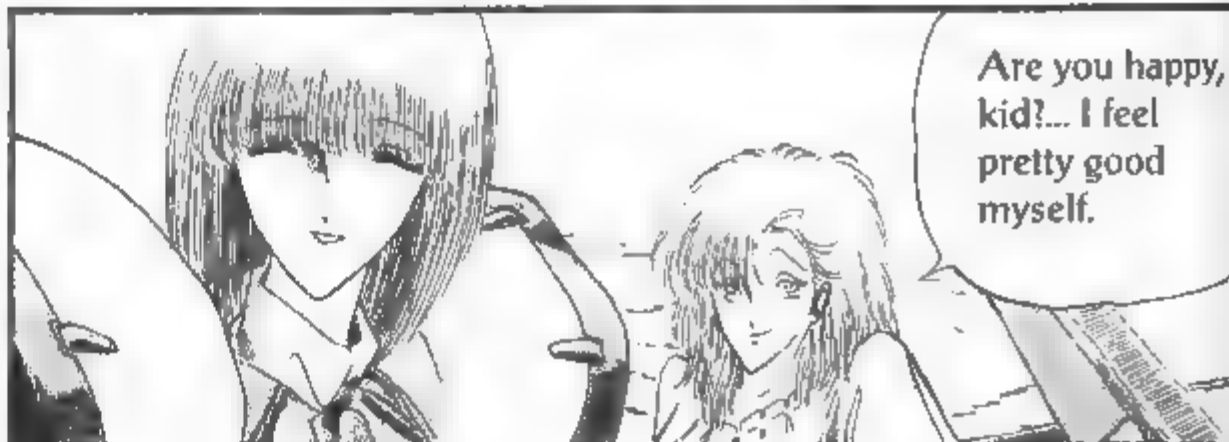
How do
you do,
Knight of
Gold? My
name is
Lachesis.



You kept
your
promise!



Huh?



Are you happy,
kid?... I feel
pretty good
myself.

Me! Not in
the least!



You're
seething with
jealousy.



Ugh...



Ludios Sopp.
How are
you, dearest?

You make such
a looovely
couple.



And the way you
used to badmouth
the fatimas...
Shame on you!



Up and away!!



...By slime bags who think I'm a man.

And I don't appreciate being felt up



We'll be down presently to get you.

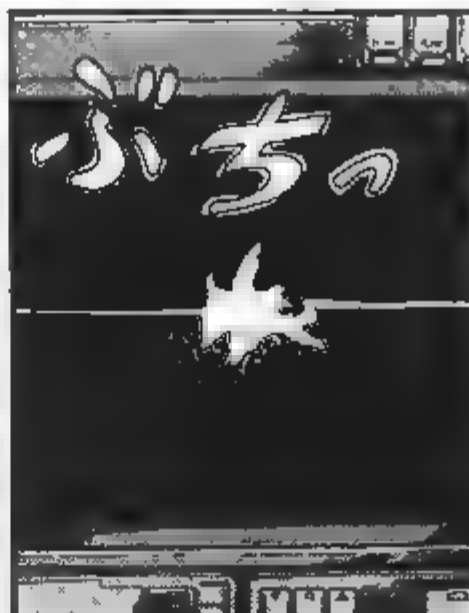
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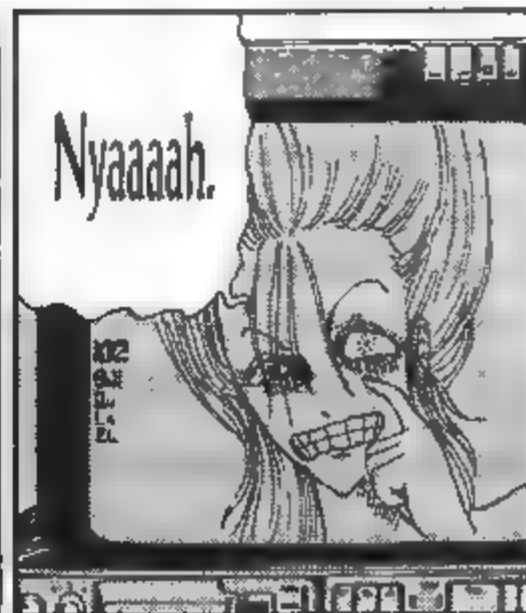
I just want to get out of this straight jacket.



Aisha...



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Nyaaaaah.

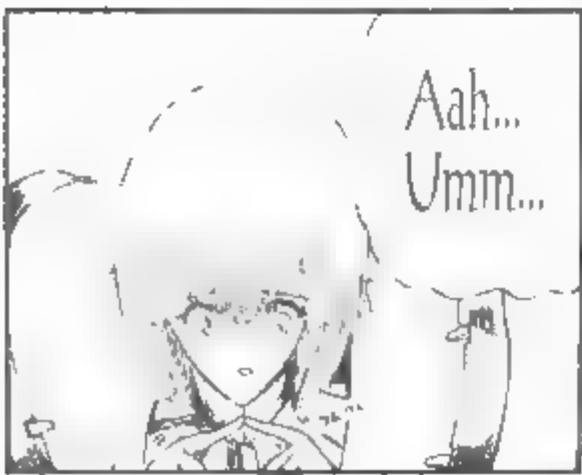


Oh that. The hormones must be wearing off.

Huh?



Master, your hair...



Aah...
Umm...



What's
wrong?



You're so
cute I love
you, Lachesis



It's Litra.



Look!



Farewell, my
be-loved wife
of long ago.

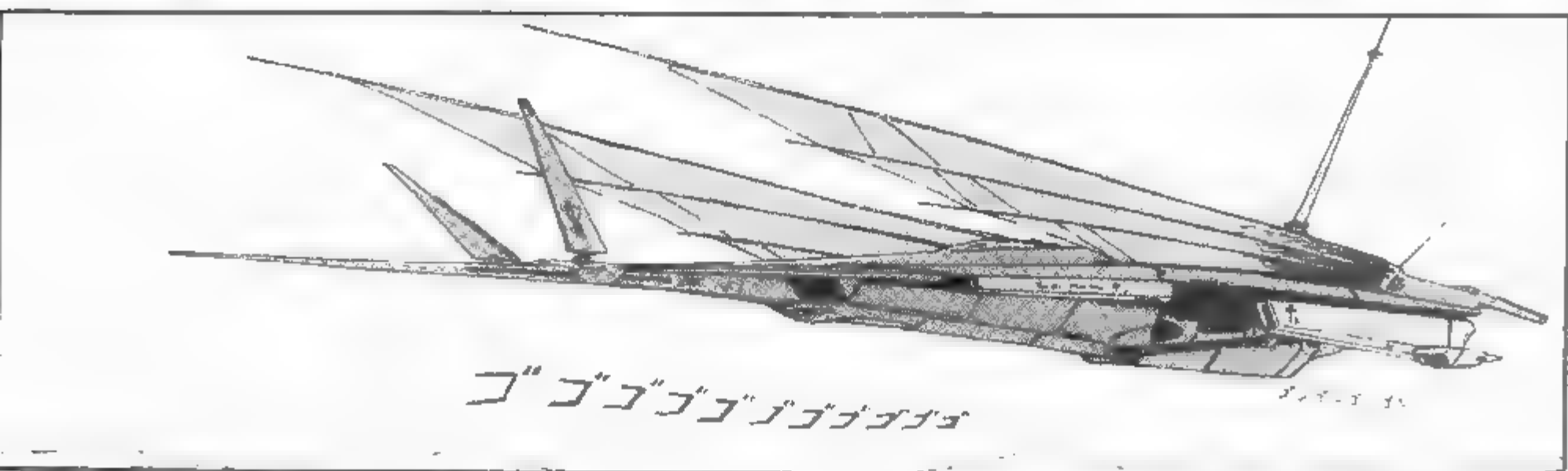
Will I never
see you again?



*From this
day on, she
will love you
in my place.
Treat her
well.*



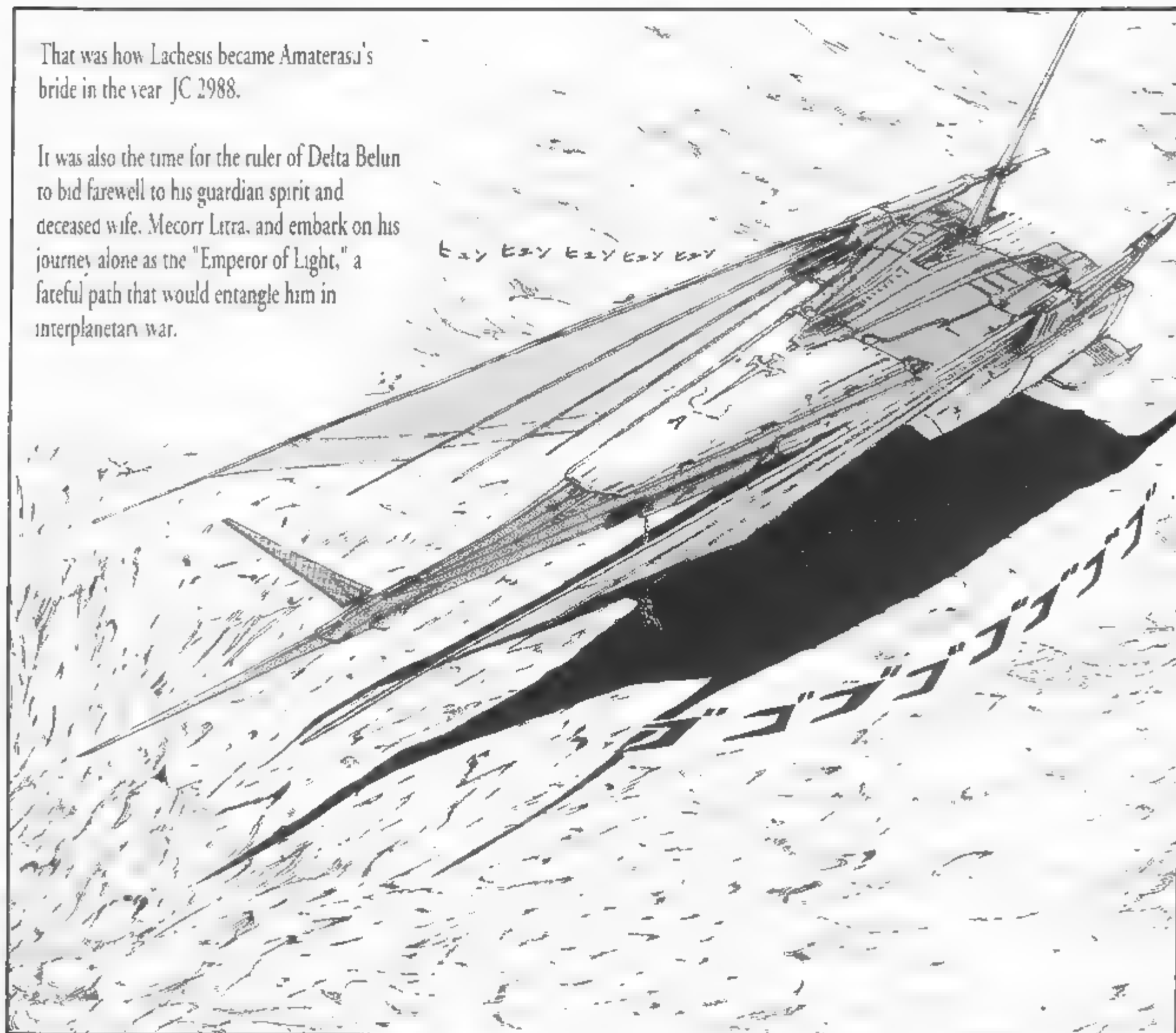
The ship master



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That was how Lachesis became Amaterasu's bride in the year JC 2988.

It was also the time for the ruler of Delta Belun to bid farewell to his guardian spirit and deceased wife, Mecorr Litra, and embark on his journey alone as the "Emperor of Light," a fateful path that would entangle him in interplanetary war.



Decors, who doesn't know a damn thing about it is nevertheless alive and well

...just another knight with a Lolita complex!



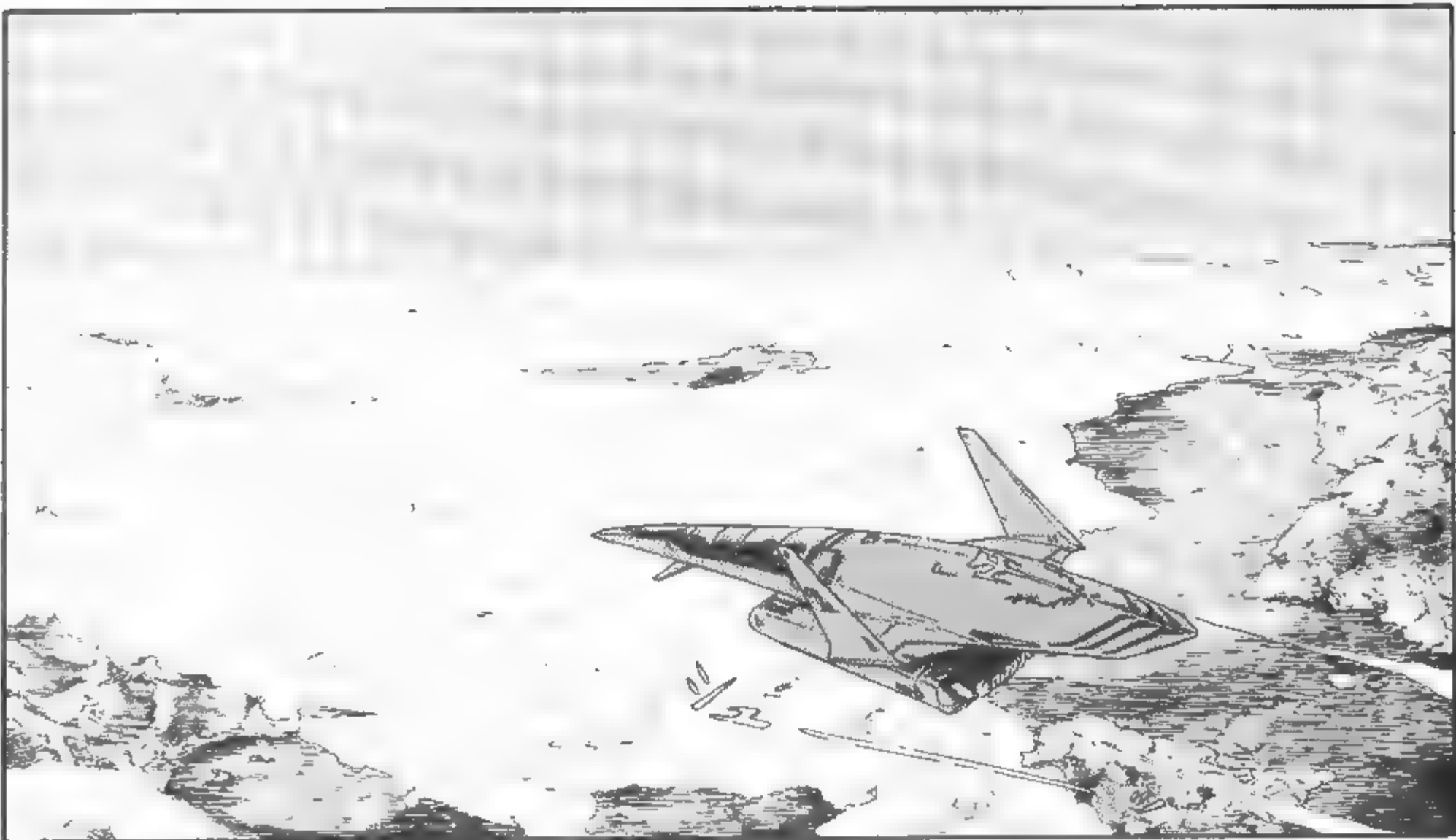
In the end you turned out to be...



In the wreckage left by KOC's rampage

Damn you, Sopp!





I regret to say that we cannot make a public announcement saying that Your Ladyship has become His Majesty's partner



We have been anxiously awaiting your arrival, My Lady



You see Sopp's real identity is known only to the Mirage Knights and a few of the Emperor's closest associates



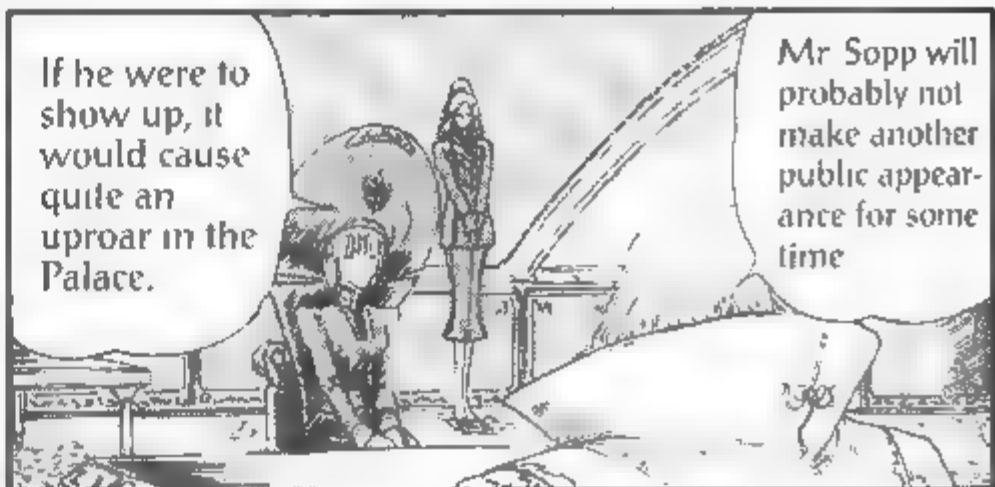
The whole Galaxy is talking about the scene you two caused at the Lord of Kent's palace in Bastogne

After all, you ran off with that scoundrel Ladios Sopp now, didn't you? Hch,hen



The Floating Temple.

Ah, we've arrived.



If he were to show up, it would cause quite an uproar in the Palace.

Mr Sopp will probably not make another public appearance for some time

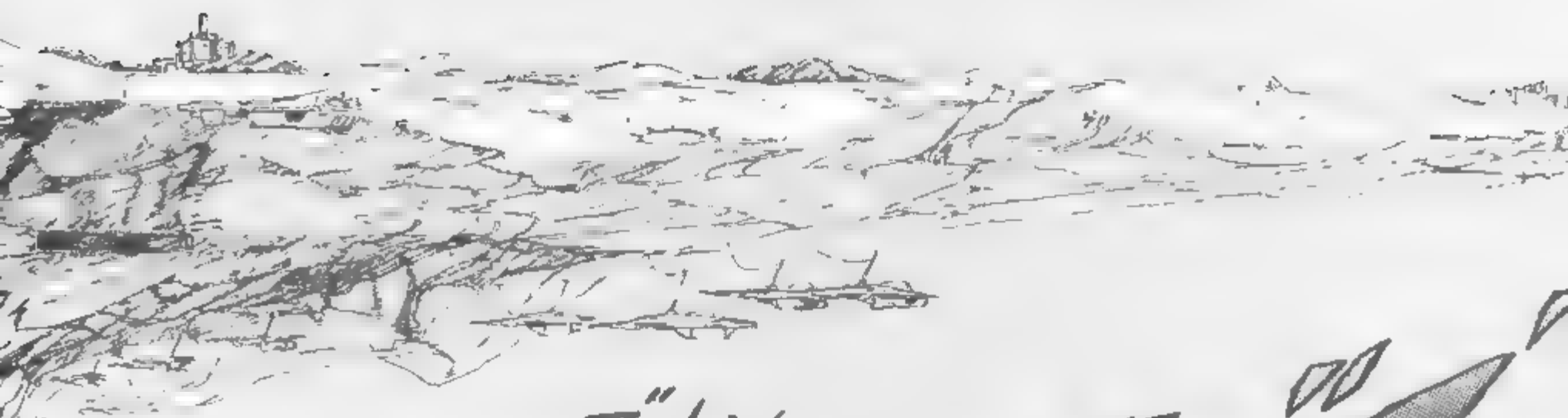
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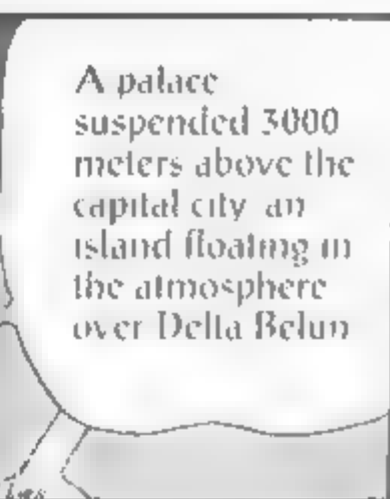
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...And now
to Your
Ladyship.



Home to 70,000
citizens, the
complete arsenal
of the Mirage
Knights .



A palace
suspended 3000
meters above the
capital city an
island floating in
the atmosphere
over Della Belun

Hear ye, hear ye!
Make way for
Her Ladyship
Lachesis!



スズキ



Mr. Sapp.

Welcome,
Lachesis.



According to a report published by the Trun Union in JC 2988, in the process of investigating numerous incidents of alleged misconduct on the part of Grand Duke Juba Bardaim, then Lord of Rent, the Grand Duke, fearing arrest, took flight, during which the air doorev he was aboard exploded. All the vessel's passengers and crew, including the suspect Juba, perished in the explosion.

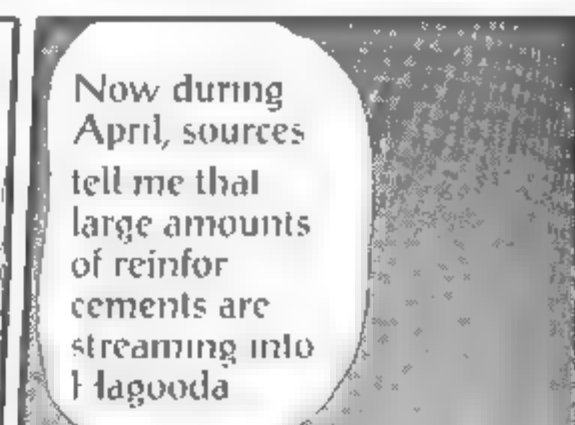
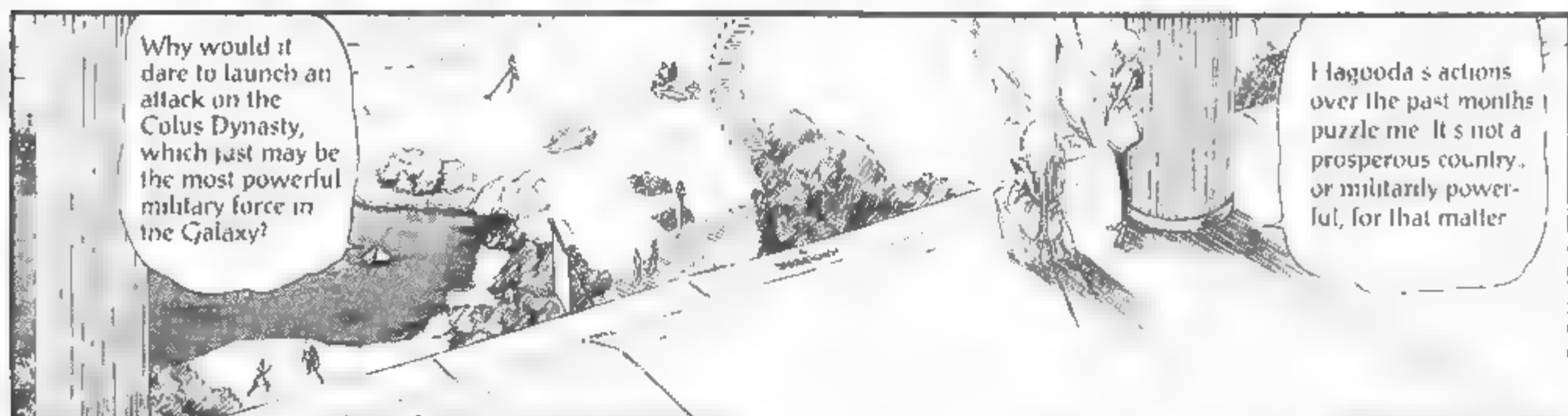
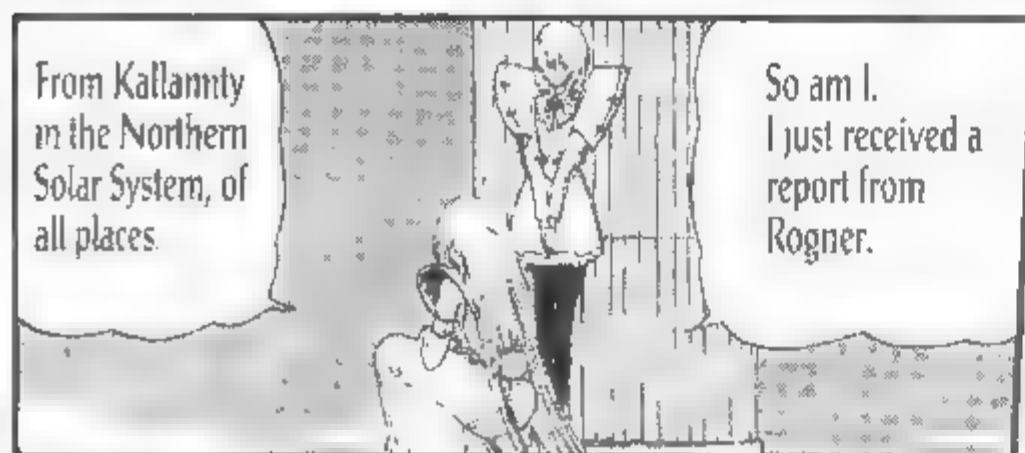


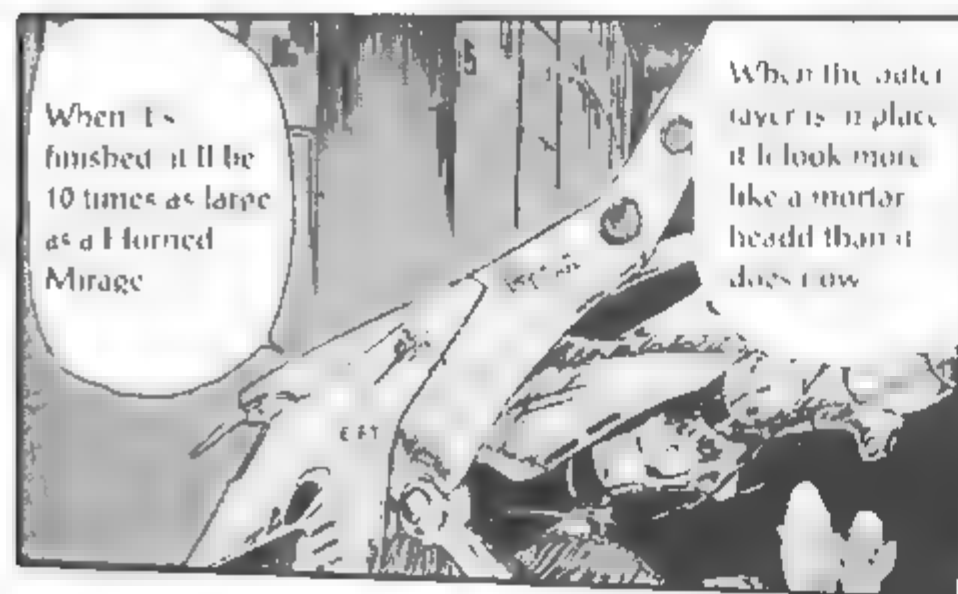
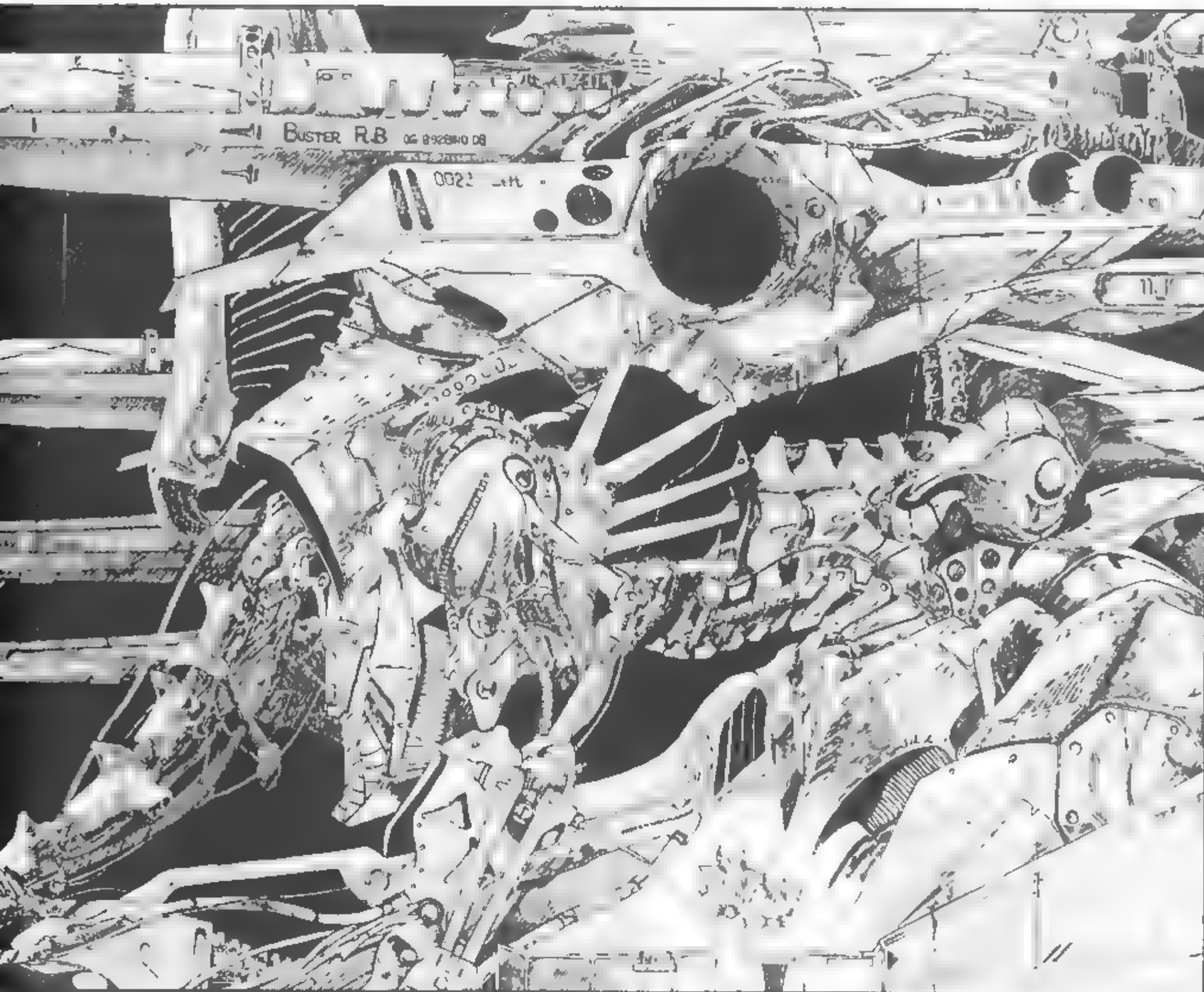
The Trun Union then re-appointed Sir Waltma as Lord of Rent in an announcement made by the Union's 14th president, Mission Rouath, who had been out of the public eye for the past 10 years.

In January of the following year, JC 2989, on the planet Jüno, hostilities broke out, following a complete breakdown in diplomatic relations between two of its powers, the Colus dynasty triad and its neighbor to the north, the Empire of Hagooda.



Three months later



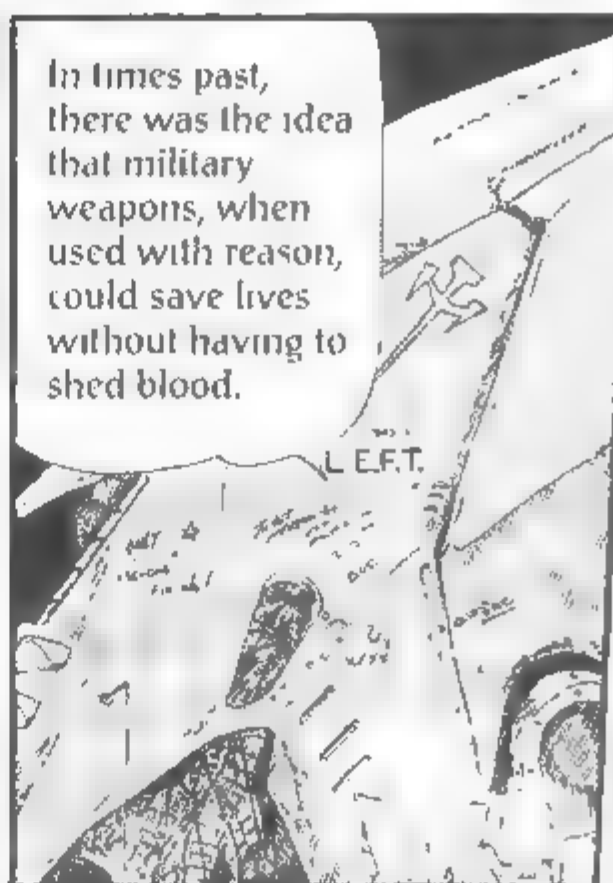




That way of thinking turned out to be wrong. From the beginning their only purpose was to wreak destruction and kill.



History has sufficiently proven that fact.



In times past, there was the idea that military weapons, when used with reason, could save lives without having to shed blood.

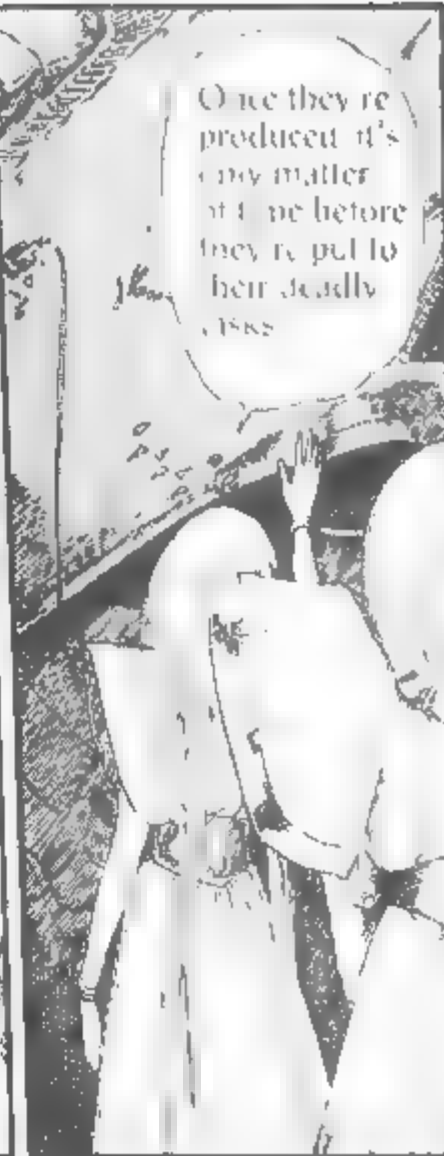


If we intend to use its full capabilities, yes.

Was I
born to
kill people?



Once they're
produced it's
only a matter
of time before
they're put to
their deadly
uses



Our most
precious human
and natural
resources are
being wasted in
these civilized
war games



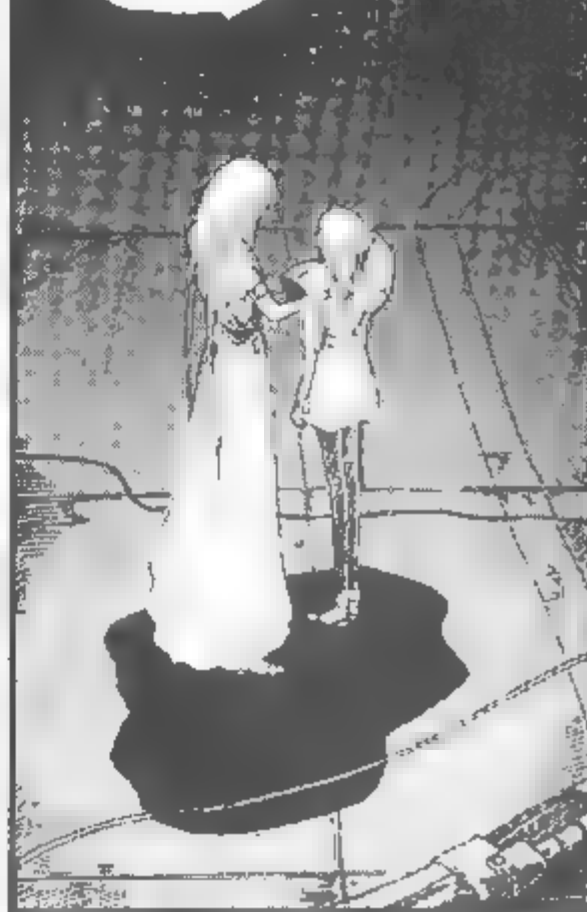
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who say that war
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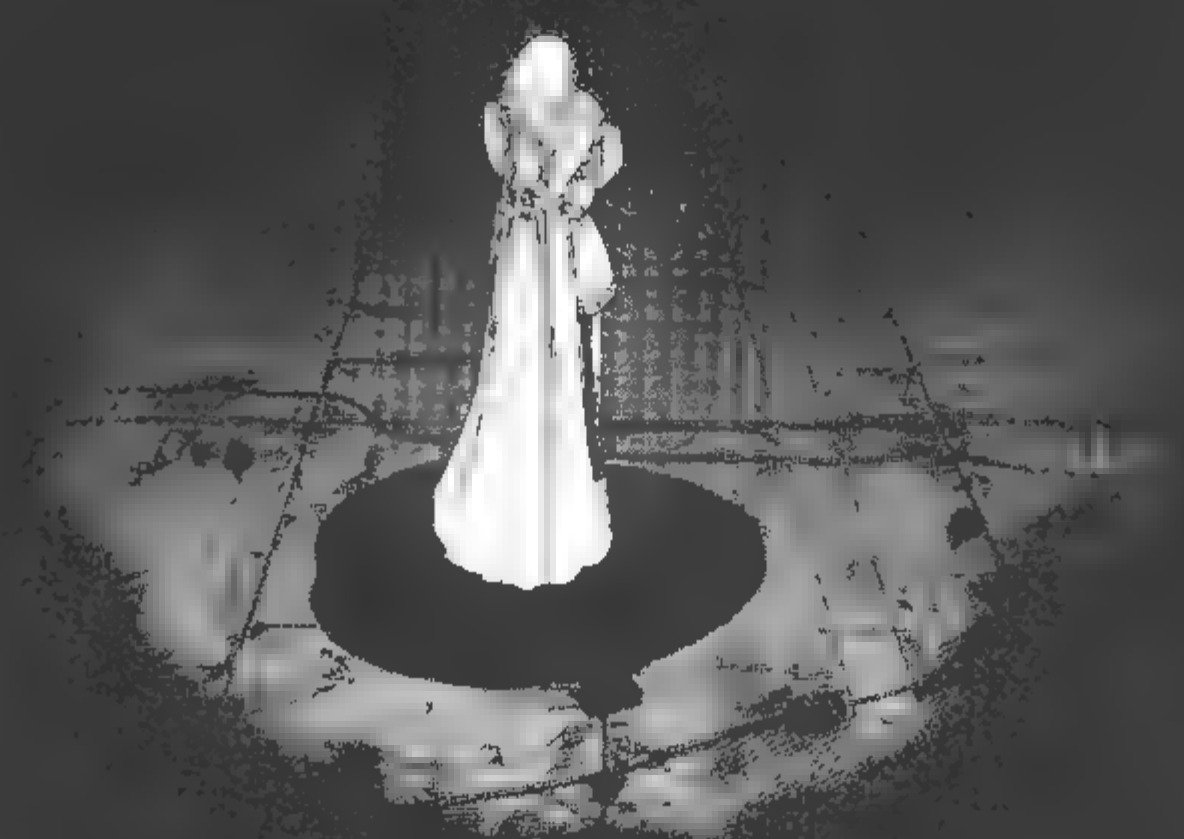
Listen People
nowadays have
become civilized
Civilization is a
very boring
pastime, and war
is one way of
relieving the
boredom

At least that's what I think



You know? It just
may be that you
fatimas are new
life forms sent by
the ultimate
messiah, a
Maitreya* of
some sort, to put
a stop to this
insanity





RC-230 A donor requests to view all the army
orders to join the ABC. The army says
it is not the duty of the army to request to
join the army and must also satisfy
the army to request.

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K... considers ... with strong
... defense here ...
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LC 3238 Dr. Arthur K. Rogers, 1911-1912, was assistant
 Kansas University, during the war in 1914-1915.

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LC 3968 E. F. Ross, Redwood, a specimen of the species
Diplosiphia Micheneri, newly discovered with a
D. sp. on a specimen of the bark of Arbutus,
Redwood, California.

IC 3998 Another use concerns keeping — we are we are using it as a kind of a sheep — a way it is continue to work — in the non-dominant language of the country — and it is this is really appear in public. The need for a paper — is also increasing for a daily and only a single expressive paper. Common the number of a paper heads is also on the decline — decreasing rapidly in the next few years.

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Wash bottle - 1 cc (cc) Water (50% residue)
K-2050

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stopped by adding 1 ml of 10% sodium hydroxide
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10 minutes before being poured into 100 ml of water.
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on the way back to a state of

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[The Era of the The Will Galaxy]*

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KC 6599 Larices wakens and with the knot a cork
pops a space war with a silver eye. In
The thermath a war the silver course in energy
from KC₆₃ half thermath and a silver eye
The cups are just doves.

IC 6787 Large planetary war zones and clouds
A large-scale bright of clouds in

the field.

IC 6800 Amateur radio is the A11 Council Member and known as A11 Council Member.

JK 6850 Amethyst and Lashes each up on a wall
Live from June to August each year
brought to you by the

IC 7199 Lawless lands on a mechanical compound
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 returns to the back seat, and the car.

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examined by K 7463. This index is a record of the
names of cases. A certain number of names are
the history of the patients and addresses by
C. B. W.

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Chronology

(Last Millennium of the AD Era)

- AD 4000** Luna is discovered. Both is reclaimed and colonized. An alliance of imperial families towards the super-empire Thalassidekanaan.
- AD 5000** Reign of the blazing empress. The Galaxy establishes all disciplines of pure science. The rise of intimidating warriors and powerful wizards. Invention of the most destructive weapon known to man, the Buster Launcher.
- AD 6000** Height of interstellar exploration. Continuous intergalactic wars cause such devastation to existing races and cultures that the human species becomes incalculable. Thalassidekanaan's historical legacy in fact.
- AD 8000** A geophysical world of four solar systems begins to take form. Reclamation of planets take place on a galactic scale as the deserts of Adler and Deslaka. The inset planet of Deslaka are made inhabitable.
- AD 9000** Interstellar exploration reaches an impasse and space adventurers return to their home planets. The influence of Thalassidekanaan wanes as new independent states rise. Buster control technology is perfected. Popularization of the external combustion "ezazer" engine, a technical spin-off from buster launcher know-how.

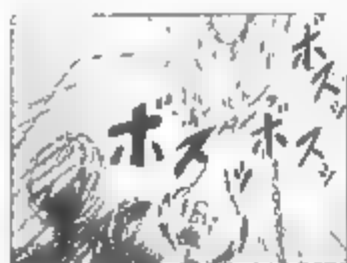
(The Joker Millennium)*

- IC 0001** Moblization is achieved on the planets of the Galaxy's four solar systems as intergalactic diplomatic agreements are negotiated and enacted, marking the beginning of the Joker Era. At this point in time, however, moblization reaches its pinnacle and begins its descent. The Joker Galaxy enters an era of senescence as the time of a civilization's prior advanced state, the outer reaches of the universe experimentally with species exceeding 100,000 and sought existence beyond the three dimensions is slowing down. The human race is now in process of reverse evolution. From this point on, there will be no sign of significant historical change even in a lifetime terms.
- IC 0980** Birth of the mortar-headed battle machine modeled after the human anatomy and designed in the artistic style of science and engineering.
- IC 2000** In the Kingdom of Grees on eastern Delta Belan, the second planet in the Eastern Solar System, the albino Amaterasu Dis Chrono Elysia IV is born and destined to become the kingdom's 84th monarch.
- IC 2026** Scientist genius Channium Balance publishes her research on organic humanoid computer systems.
- IC 2040** Emperor Amaterasu uses his exquisite beauty and charm along with his superior intellect to gain unwavering support from the people of Delta Belan's eastern bloc of countries.
- IC 2087** Amaterasu and Udra are married. Udra will die childless at the young age of 30, equivalent to 25 years of age in earth and time. On the average, humans of the Joker Galaxy live to the age of around 500.

- IC 2135** Amaterasu makes breakthroughs in the ezazer external combustion engine used throughout the Galaxy to generate heavy energy.
- IC 2200** The beginning of a century of frequent international disputes and military aggression provoked in part by the mortar-headed's ability to minimize casualties and destruction of property in the process of territorial expansion.
- IC 2310** A data processor greatly improving the control of mortar-headed's developed by the mad scientist Lithium Balance, a scientist who created an artificial life form physiologically identical to human beings.
- IC 2324** Amaterasu is enthroned as the ruler of Grees at the age of 30. Over a thirty-year period, he has contributed much to the cause of international peace among the countries of Delta Belan.
- IC 2397** Despite his 37 years, Amaterasu has remarkably not aged significantly since reaching adulthood.
- IC 2400** Amaterasu's Eastern Solar System and the Northern Solar System, which is a very large and powerful country, form a state of relatively peaceful coexistence with the small countries scattered throughout the Southern and Western Solar Systems remain in political turmoil. This is a time of mass production of both mortar-headed's and titans.
- IC 2629** Amaterasu makes the equivalent of the scientific genius of the Balance.
- IC 2810** Amaterasu spends ten years recruiting a corps of superior head men to act as his capital guard and names them the Mirage Knights.
- IC 2813** Amaterasu's imperial guards are organized into an order of knights known as the Mirage Corps, which is given command of the imperial army forces and charged with employing their mortar-headed's in quelling international military incidents.
- IC 2874** Amaterasu and his ten eastern courtiers surround the Kingdom of Grees. Similarly, in the Southern Solar System, Colus I, ruler of the super power in the planet, and forms the Kingdoms of his borders into the Colus Tyranny (Colus II) which.
- IC 2878** Amaterasu is appointed planetary emperor of Delta Belan.
- IC 2899** Amaterasu creates Delta Belan into an organization called Amaterasu Kingdom. He names thereafter AK 2. The report of this action is greeted with surprise and apprehension throughout the Galaxy. Dr. Balance completes the AKD flagship outer cruiser Red Crest.
- IC 2900** A scarcity of natural resources in the Galaxy reaches critical proportions and some synthetic materials that have existed for thousands of years begin to transform or deteriorate. Kallamity Crocoders, the second planet in the Northern Solar System, begins its transition under the influence of its own planetary reclamatory forces. Amaterasu is 400 years old.
- IC 2955** Completion of Amaterasu's 1000-year rule.

- Floating Temple on island 2.5 kilometers across having 5000 meters in the atmosphere above the planet.
- IC 2987** One of the Galaxy's most influential scientists, Dr. Barancho, decides that Amaterasu's debt will not be held by Atropos, one of his three areas of destiny, and allows her to escape.
- IC 2988** Dr. Barancho's final two titans, Lachesis and Clelio, come of age. Amaterasu acquires Lachesis when Clelio is taken into the care of King's King, Colus II.
- IC 2989** Three leading super-mortal-headed's called LED Mirages join the forces of the Colus Dynasty against neighboring aggressor Hagooda M-I monster. A Los Moon's entrusted with the jeweled sword of the Colus Royal Family and the royal family's M-I Moon-noon is sealed shut with a plasma grid.
- IC 2992** Atropos occurs 350 years of seclusion with another LED D again.
- IC 2994** Magic and Deceit are seen in the Kingdom of Hagooda in the Western Solar System.
- IC 3007** The LED Mirage fleet and Amaterasu's Knights of Calad are exhibited before the Galaxy, second phase of the Mirage Knights.
- IC 3009** Completion of the heavy M-I Haged Mirage known as the monster of the Mirage Knights' due to its actual waste reduction design.
- IC 3010** The Magestic Storm raging and the Galaxy's lowest rank, water pollution, turbulence, has it has ever experienced.
- IC 3079** Princess Maada is crowned ruler of the Holy of A. E. Empire.
- IC 3159** Amaterasu suddenly launches a military attack on the Ben Republic of the neighboring planet of Aca.
- IC 3162** Aclon's incorporation into the AKD state becomes Amaterasu's base of military operations, commanding a huge gaseous expeditionary force.
- IC 3180** Amaterasu begins construction of the Galaxy's largest space vessel, The WFF.
- IC 3185** Construction of The WFF is completed and enthusiasm is heightened among the people over general construction. Amaterasu is 1165 years old.
- IC 3199** Amaterasu launches an invasion of Bots in the Western Solar System. Many of the planets residents welcome the invasion as the arrival of political stability, a chaotic situation that has continued since the beginning of the Magestic Storm. Bots is quickly incorporated into the AKD. However, the region of Kaster in the continent of Calam for some reason's able to retain its former status as a free and autonomous district. The only the July Leo A Tol Empire is united severately.
- IC 3225** The moving solar system of Stan, with a 1000-year orbit, approaches the Joker Galaxy and it is predicted that Stan will increase the instability of Kallamity already caused by mineral resource reclamation.

*The Joker Millennium is a time period of approximately 3000 years.



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(Bdow Bok)

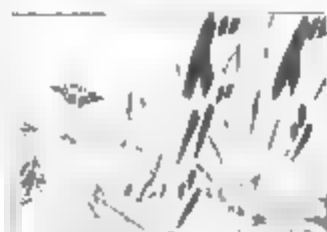
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Hyuh-hyuh-hyuh
(Woooo)

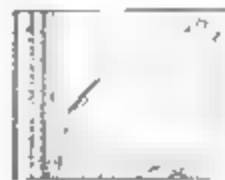
Sound of the wind on a dark
cracked frame



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Dohnt-dohbahi
(RRRmmmbll)

Releasing a cluster of bombs
on an enemy bay



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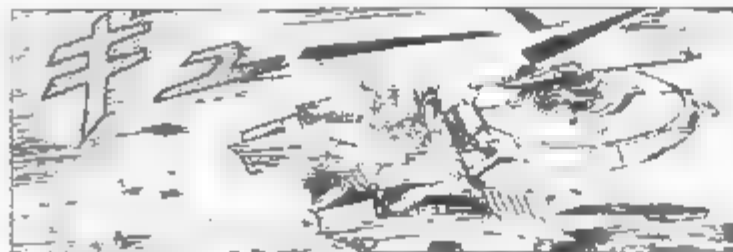
Needing a lot of wind
crushing one's head to ward



ゴンゴンゴン、グオーン

Gong-gong-gong
Gunoohn (Bong)

Rumble of gongs



ギューン
Gyuuhhn (Varoom)

An engine or motor sound



ドサッ
Dohsahi
(Whump, Fa-lop)

Sound of a body hitting the
ground



ザッ
Zah (Shush)

Knocking up an enemy's
rampart



ザンッ
Zahnt
(Ta-daa)

Making a giant explosion
or a powerful sound with
explosion



バリバリ
Bahdih-Bahdih
(Scratch-Scratch)

Sound of scratching metal
usually on a surface or sign
of nervousness or confused
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(Whutch,
Awhrreeeee)



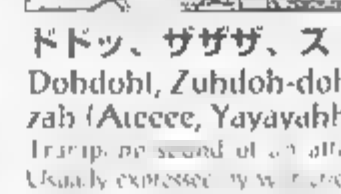
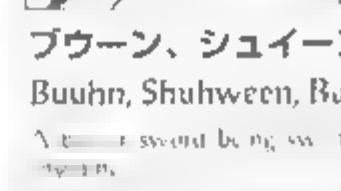
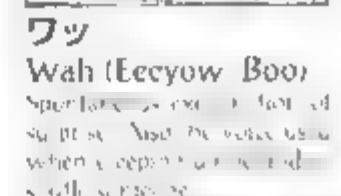
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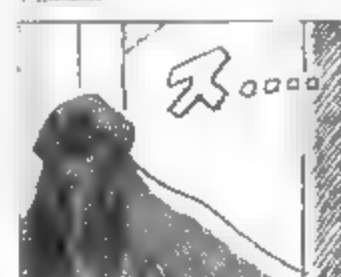
A character's feet hit to
the ground. Also a
remote explosion or a face
object's impact on a surface



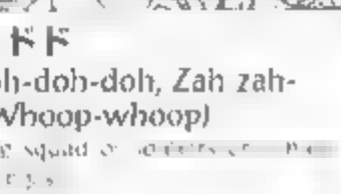
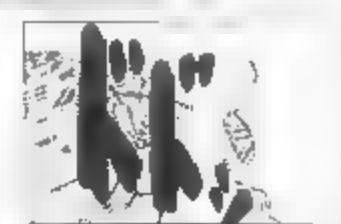
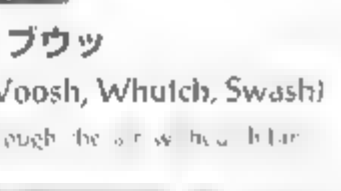
キイ...
Kih (Creak, Screech)



スバ
Suhpah Suhpah
(Puff-Puff)

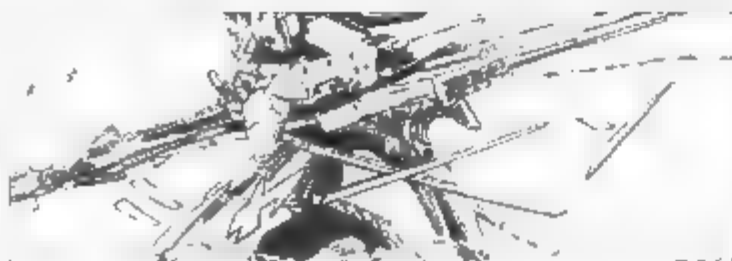


ス...
Suh (Shhhh)



Special Effects

The Five Star Stories army comes with special effects which are appropriate to the characters and the situations. The effects are all in the style of the original anime, and are all in the style of the original anime. The effects are all in the style of the original anime, and are all in the style of the original anime.



シャーン
Shahn

A moored pose with back straight, eyes forward



スバツ

Zhubaht (Shakk)

A sword cutting into flesh with a force capable of splitting the organ in two

ガッガッ

Gaht gaht
(Blunk-blunk)

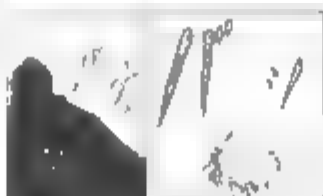
Being bounced off the head of a small enemy on an earthquake or fan house



ビビッ

Bih-biht (Zzt zzt)

Sound of a sword cutting



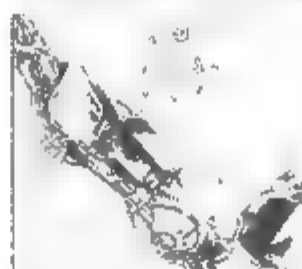
バサッ、バツ
Bah-Saht Baht

Sound of a sword cutting close



カッ
Khaht

Extremely bright the sun or fire



パツ
Paht

Sound of a sword cutting



ズッ

Zhut (Sssss)

A sword cutting



フィンフィンフィン

Feen-feen-feen

Sound of a sword cutting

スゴゴゴゴ

Zuh-goh-goh-goh-goh
(Rrrrrhuumm)

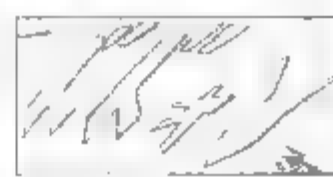
Sound of a sword cutting



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Guhshah! (Spal)

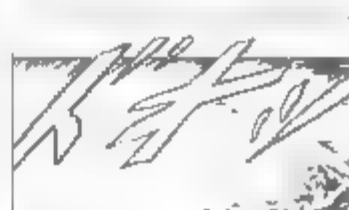
Sound of a sword cutting



トドオン

Don-dohhn
(Ba-doom)

Explosion in the distance with echo



ドオッ

Dohht (Fwhoom)

Explosion in the distance with echo



シュツ、シュー

Shunt, Shuuh
(Ssssst Chik)

Sound of a sword cutting



ドコッ

Dohkoht

The "ko" of a boom



ヴォンヴォンヴォン

Vhohn-vhohn-vhohn

Another form of boom, very noisy



ガッ、ガン

Gaht (Clang), Gahn

Sound of a sword cutting



ベキベキベキ、バラバラッ

Pehky pehky-pehky
(Snap-crackle-plink)

Sound of a sword cutting

バキッ、バキッ

Bahkiht, Pankih
(Crash)

Sound of a sword cutting



ガーッ

Gaht (Gggrrr)

Sound of a sword cutting



How to Pronounce the Characters' Names

To be Pleasantly Baffled and Mystified

As the publisher informed you in Volumes II and III, the real story's back around on the other side. All that you are going to find here are some tidbits offered by the translator of The Five Star Stories.

I would like to tell readers of any of these first three introductory volumes that when I first started the translation, I was as confused as you probably are now. FSS is not a complicated collection of stories content-wise, but the order in which the content is being presented catches one off guard in the initial stages. Such disorder and bafflement, should be kind of exciting if you're not the one who's supposed to render the original Japanese into English to enable readers to be pleasantly baffled and mystified.

One of the most puzzling aspects was how to pronounce the characters' names, which was more of a transcription than translation problem, since the romanized spelling was already determined before my arrival. Most of the names seem to come from Greek and Roman mythology or modern German. So let me try and fill up the remaining space with something that may be of use. At least one way of pronouncing some of the more exotic names appears so far. The syllables in bold letters are probably where the stress should be given in pronouncing the word.

John Wisnom

Volume I

Chrome Ballanche	Chrome Bah-lahnsh
Amaterasu-no-Mikado	Ah-mah-teh-rah-su-noh Mee-kah-dah
Eclim	Fah-tih-mah
Echesis	Lah-keh-sih
Eclho	Kloh-thoh / Kloh-toh
Atropes	Ah-troh-puhs
Tee	Tee-lah
Es	Fah
Grand Sydimon	Guh-rahhd Shihd-mee-ahn
Vahs	Bahsh
Lagos Sopp	Lay-dee-ohs Soap
Asha Condante	Eye-shah Koh-dahn-tay
Vendy Verward	Bond Byuh-ahrd
Laser	Lay-dahr
Bel-Ereil	Behl-Kreh
Doorey	Doh-ree
Karrer Crytairis	Ka-rehl Kreh-sah-lihs
Gaussie	Gah-ahn-see-ah
Iran	Trah
uno	Jah-noh
Delta Beton	Dehl-tah Beh-toun
Goa Bardam	Yuh-bah Bahr-dah
Wahme	Wahl-mah
Meiste	My-slah
Restagne	Bahs-toh-nyuh
Kar-shuohlo	Kah-lyuh-toh
Formidat	Tuh-ree-dahd
Gyarahat	Gyahs-hahhl
Amaterasu Dis Grand Cyres Hydaz	Ah-mah-ten-rah-su Dins Grand Ay-ee-dahs
Landward Spacorn	Lahn-dahrd Spah-cohrn
New Sugar Graphite	New Sword Graphite
Lie Ex	Lee-X
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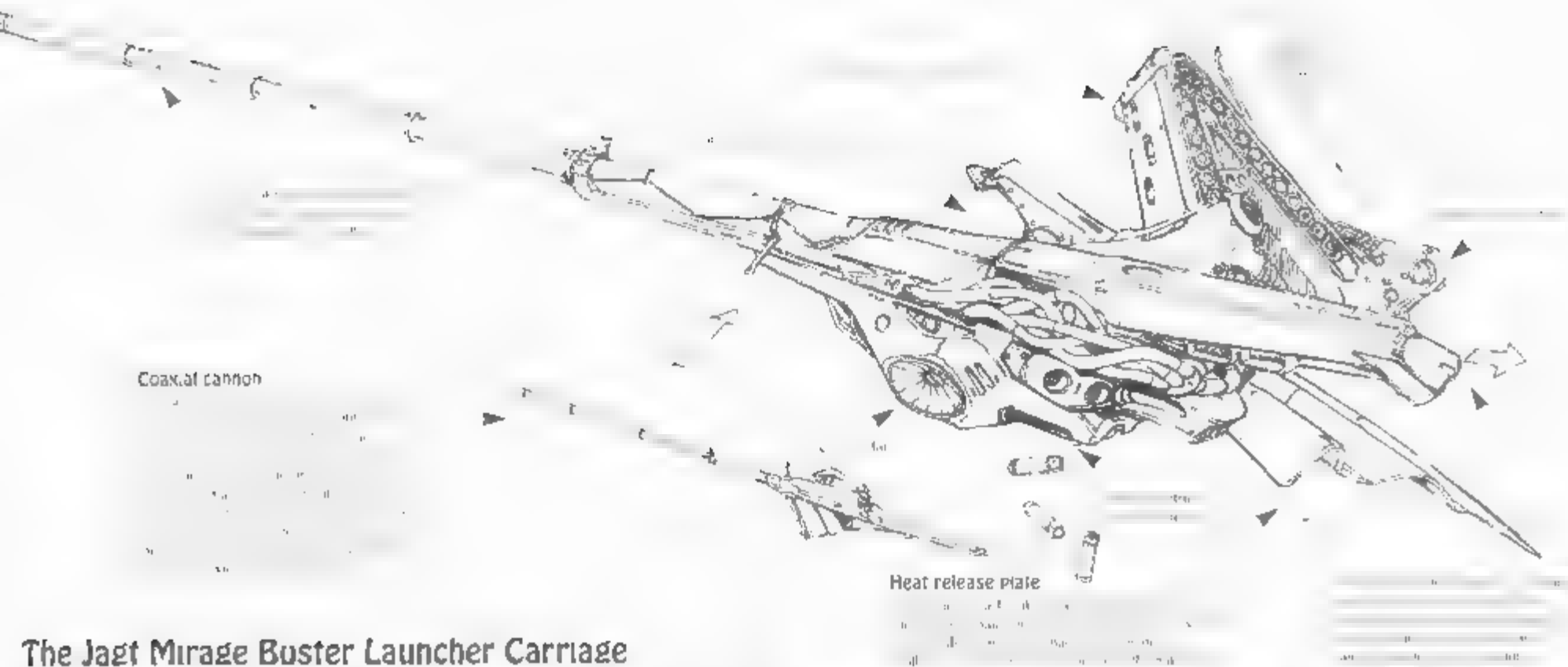
Volume II

Lie-m-ne	Hell-mee-neh
Felamarc	Ay-toh-rah-muh-rah
Devoncha	Deh-vohn-ehah

Magaela	Mah-gah-eh-lah
Decoris Waessmel	Jeh-cohs Whys-mee
Lizard Meistner	Lizard Mys-nahr
Emelah Co-us	Ehl-mehl-lah Koh-luns
Belo-ru	Beh-tohl-kah
Merard	Moh-rahd
Petrol	Pen-yoil
Barun-a	Bah-ruhn-jah
Starm	Stihm
Torrora	Tah-roh-rah
Tagooda	Ta-guh-dah
Rouath	Ruhn
Uxal	Uh-luh-kuh
Aecto	Ah-lehk-toh
Falk U Rogner	Fahk-You Ruhg-nah
Dappa Dorops	Dip-pah Drops
Leopard Chrysalis	Layoh-pahrd Kreh-sah-lis
Urazen Su	Uh-rahhl-seln-Cz
Shane Randers Krötenschwanz	Shane Randers Krehlen-shuh-bantz
Birolorn Corlala	Byoh-tonn Coh-lah-lah
State Ballo Kaeda	State Barlow Kai-dah
Iemarah Loul Jelas	Ec-mah-rah Wrole-lah-jahs
Misha U Ha Lonn	Mehel-Hah-Lohn
Jon Wienzel	Yohn Bynt-sei
Allen Brafora	Allen Brah-toird
Qukey	Kuh-key
Ragle de Lezer (Schatt)	Bahguh-dee Lyl-tsan-shaft
Ko Fan Shemar (Tim)	Kah-Fahn Shih-mah (T-hn)
Amaterasu Dis Cyres	Ah-mah-teh-rah-su-dih-s Cyrese
Isaruga LED	(ih-kah-rah-gah) Ehl-ee-dee
Julesides Carley (Spinner)	Hughz-less Kah-luh-Spinner
Edrian Pason) Tag	Adrian (Pie-sohn) Tang
Mynury Kinky	Myuu-Kinky
Bester (Closer) Orbit	Bester (Clothes) Oh-biht
Picking Harries (Spark)	Picking Harries Spark

Volume III

Miss on Rouath	Mission Ruhn
Falla	Fe-chita
Utra	Lee-trah
Magl Mirage	Yahkt Mirage



The Jagt Mirage Buster Launcher Carriage

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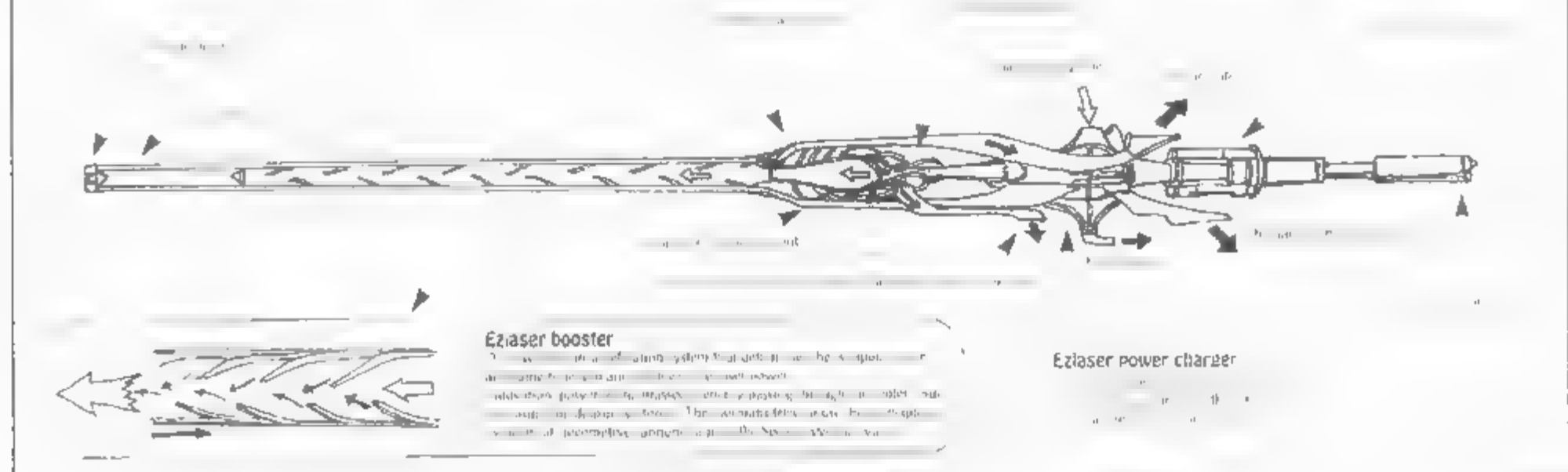
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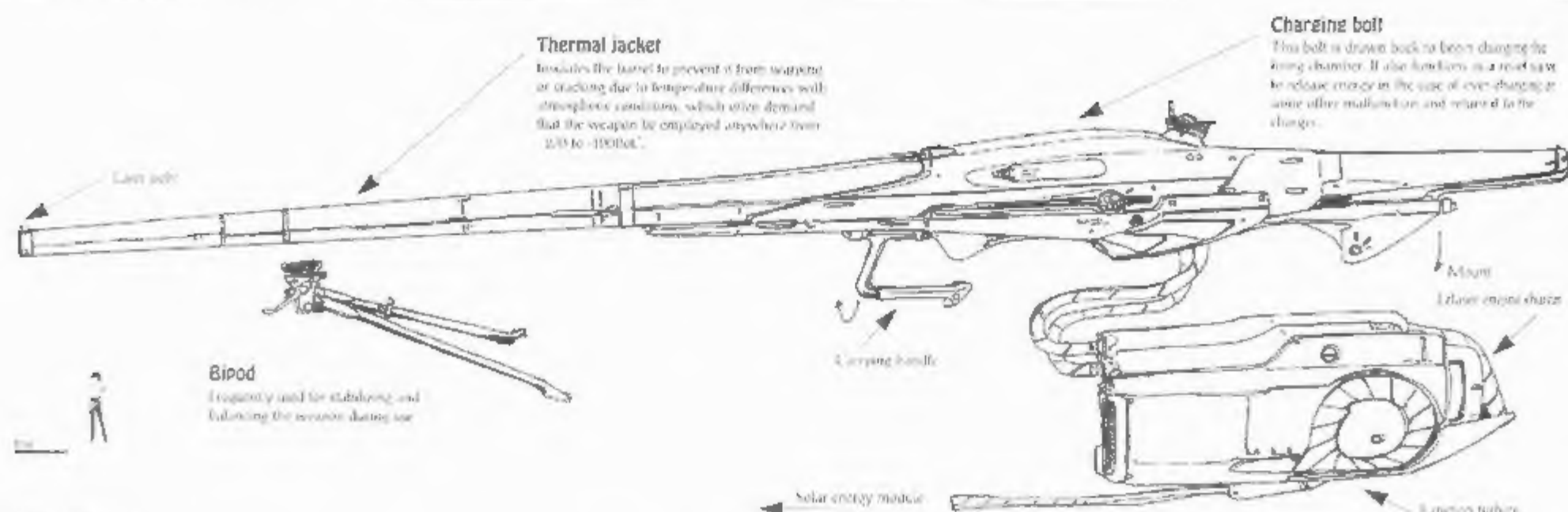
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Buster Artillery and Technology



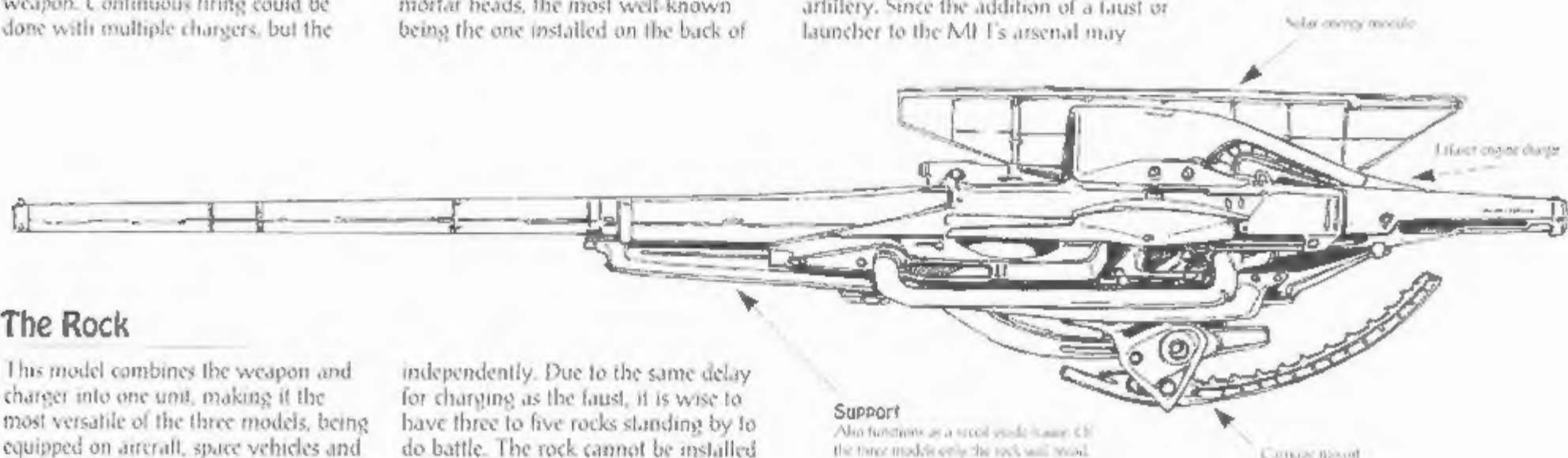
The Faust

The klein is the smallest model within this type of buster cannon and is employed mainly on aircraft. The cannon and the laser engine charger that generates its power are separated, resulting in a delay of about 10 minutes between rounds to recharge the weapon. Continuous firing could be done with multiple chargers, but the

system would become too cumbersome for the lightweight carriers the Faust has been designed for. Also, in order to increase the fire power, the charger would have to be installed in the cannon. The Faust is the most popular type of buster weapon employed by mortar heads, the most well-known being the one installed on the back of

the Cross Mirage around J.C. 3100. As mentioned previously, outfitting an MFI with buster weaponry has very little advantage, given their primary purpose in battle; but there may have been cause to use an MFI from time to time as a mobile (very mobile!) piece of artillery. Since the addition of a Faust or launcher to the MFI's arsenal may

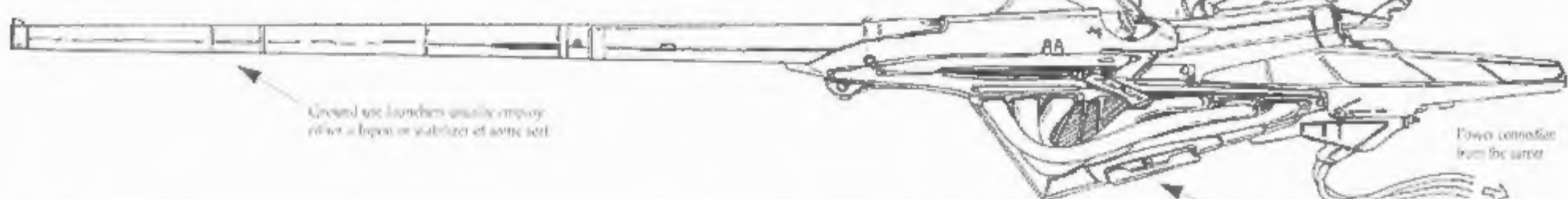
cause malfunctioning and power loss due to over-consumption of the main power source, an auxiliary source should probably be loaded on the MFI's back to serve as the buster charger.



The Rock

This model combines the weapon and charger into one unit, making it the most versatile of the three models, being equipped on aircraft, space vehicles and land artillery. Since the charger component is fully stabilized from the start, it provides a very even level of fire power, and the single unit design enables several rocks to be installed on one carriage and operated

independently. Due to the same delay for charging as the Faust, it is wise to have three to five rocks standing by to do battle. The rock cannot be installed on a mortar head, due to its heavy weight (which merely encourages the most stubborn MFI meigs that it can be done). The length of an average rock is 30 meters, which about matches its buster capabilities.



The Launcher

Ranging from 15 to 100 meters in length, this type differs from the Faust and the rock in that it needs no charger. That is to say, the launcher is charged from its carrier's energy source, so it appears as a long tube, like the rock's firing component. It is utilized mostly as the main artillery system for spacecraft, drawing its power from the craft's main engines, and is thus the only one of the three models for which the firing power can be adjusted. This is why it has been named a "launcher."

The major disadvantage of arming a carrier with a launcher is the burden it can put on the engines, if not large enough. Ironically, the engine best suited to charging the launcher with no decreases in power is the laser engine designed for mortar heads, but the weapon will greatly impede the performance of the MFI in other aspects. For example, most MFIs could not withstand the power surge resulting from firing it; and after firing, all the MFI can do is teleport, thus defeating

its main military purpose of close in hand-to-hand combat with enemy MFIs.

Charging time depends on the output of the carrier's engine, ranging from 5 to 30 minutes, making continuous firing almost impossible (posing another challenge to the Galaxy's most assertive meigs).

When fired at full power, the launcher will produce a force capable of causing

distortions in the atmosphere and vaporizing small planets. Sub-models range from the pinpoint burst buster to the planet vaporizing full burst buster. It is the ultimate evil in weaponry. There are only two things more powerful than the launcher, neither of them weaponry in the strict sense: the LED dragon's "nova flame" and the word's spoken by Amaterasu Fortune "I can't stand you anymore, get outta my sight!" which caused the universe to vanish in 7777.

Naturally forming cumulonimbus clouds that appear to the many senses depicting the Floating Temple.

Mt. Crossmere (elev. 850 meters)

Since weather control operates only to 500 meters above ground level, the remaining 350 meters of this mountain are covered with snow, a contrast resulting in a beautiful natural landscape.

Weather line

Barrier lines

Extractor

One of the many types of security robot stationed on the island's periphery. Its main task, however, is to capture debris falling through the barrier lines and drum caps, etc. thrown overboard by Specter and Lachesis at play.



High Speed Tube

The underground transit system connecting the island's cities. The main source of transportation.

Weather control devices

Mortar head production facilities

Mirage Palace proper

Spacecraft dock

Roomy enough for mooring the Bell Creal but The Will remains in space.

Exhaust outlet

Cloud City

These large components were constructed in outer space.

Eziase engine

The secret behind how the Floating Temple got off the ground. Eziase technology, which is used to power vehicles ranging from motorcycles (called "digs") to gargantuan space stations, poses no particular problems as the main energy supply for a fully populated island. However, only a crazy fool like Amaterasu would have tried to do it. There is plenty of solar energy for the engine's huge generator to function under normal climatic conditions, but what would happen after a month of steady rain is still open to conjecture.

Mach 2!



Only most basic known space station moving at 200 meters per second.

Weather

Thanks to its weather control system, the Floating Temple's climate is the same as that on Grees proper, at least to the barrier zone 500 meters above what we to be sea level. Above that zone conditions are the same as flying at an elevation of 3500 meters. The weather, however, is influenced by the

same atmospheric conditions as Grees. Low pressure fronts bring clouds and rain; it's hot in the summer and snows in the winter. Nature also rules on the Floating Temple. The only difference is that sunrise can be seen a few minutes earlier from the island.

Water

Since water is provided by rain, only a small amount has to be shipped in from Grees. Rain water seeping into the ground is expelled out from the back

of the island, forming clouds. Drinking water is supplied by an underground system.

Flora and Fauna

Mammals: Flying squirrels, Rhizomyx, boars (in the process of extinction), musk, weasels, marmosets, American short hair ferrets, sewer rats (in the process of extermination), red foxes, etc.
Birds: Pheasant, falcons, sparrows, bull-headed shrikes, alpine acrobats, rock ptarmigan, common kingfishers, gray starlings, azure-winged magpies, little egrets, Japanese cranes, water rails, blue gannets (ocean birds caught inland now living on Lake Perzem)
Dinosaurs: The Avimimus 160cm long savanna habitat feathered bird.
Insects: Lohs, including the stag beetle, who inhabits dead trees and thus is bothered by no one.
Plant life: Rich mixed forest greenery of conifer, evergreen and deciduous trees. 30% fast growth, 60% re-landed.
Fish: Many species inhabit Lake Perzem.

disposed of by barrier line nets and extractor robots stationed on the periphery.

Although the Floating Temple is thoroughly equipped with just about every amenity of life imaginable, including facilities for manufacturing mortar headds, an island is still an island, whether isolated in the sea or in the atmosphere. Its residents need to leave on business and people from the outside want to inspect this wonder first hand. The necessary travel is accommodated by five shuttle flights per day to and from the island. The island's permanent residents number

about 70,000, but this population is not sufficient to handle all the work to be done there, so about 300,000 workers either commute back and forth or reside in temporary housing.

Mirage Palace, also known as Phantasm Castle, is a huge structure consisting of seven towers. The main tower rises 700 meters, containing 180 floors above ground and 300 basement floors. Around the Palace are located the halls of government – the AKD Congress, the House of Peers, and the Upper and Lower Chambers of Parliament. In the rear of the Palace there is an enormous spacecraft bay for

the Bell Creal. The weaponry and mortar heads of the Mirage Corps are stored in the Palace's basement floors. Half of the Gods Knights serve at the palace guard, while the other half are stationed around Grees proper. With the exception of Aisha Codante, the Prime Minister of Grees who spends half of her time at the Palace and the other half in Gristeria, the members of the Amaterasu family – the Codantes, Atowights, and Limes reside permanently at the Palace.

The accompanying map shows the plan of the Floating Temple as of the year J.C. 2989. Constant renovations

have been carried on over the decades, resulting in minor changes, that go almost unnoticed when viewing such a gigantic land mass from this vantage point.

The Floating Temple was indeed the symbol of the power and prosperity enjoyed by the AKD, that is, until 4099, when it was destroyed by the air headd Wunderschätze piloted by Arant Ex.

The Floating Temple

The Will

Amaterasu's inter-dimensional travel fully armed colony. Measuring 3.8 by 3.2 kilometers, The Will can hold a maximum of about 35,000 passengers and the entire fleet of Mirage master heads. Two Dola battle cruisers are mounted under the wings.

The Bell Creal

A fully armed 280 meter long attack ship, moved all that was the Amaterasu Kingdom Demesne's flag ship prior to the completion of The Will.

A Dola

A Whale-type battle cruiser 350 meters in length. There are three models in the fleet of these ultra speed warships, the Dola, Lancer, and Gog.

The Concorde

The 80 meter long turbo jet.

The Yamato

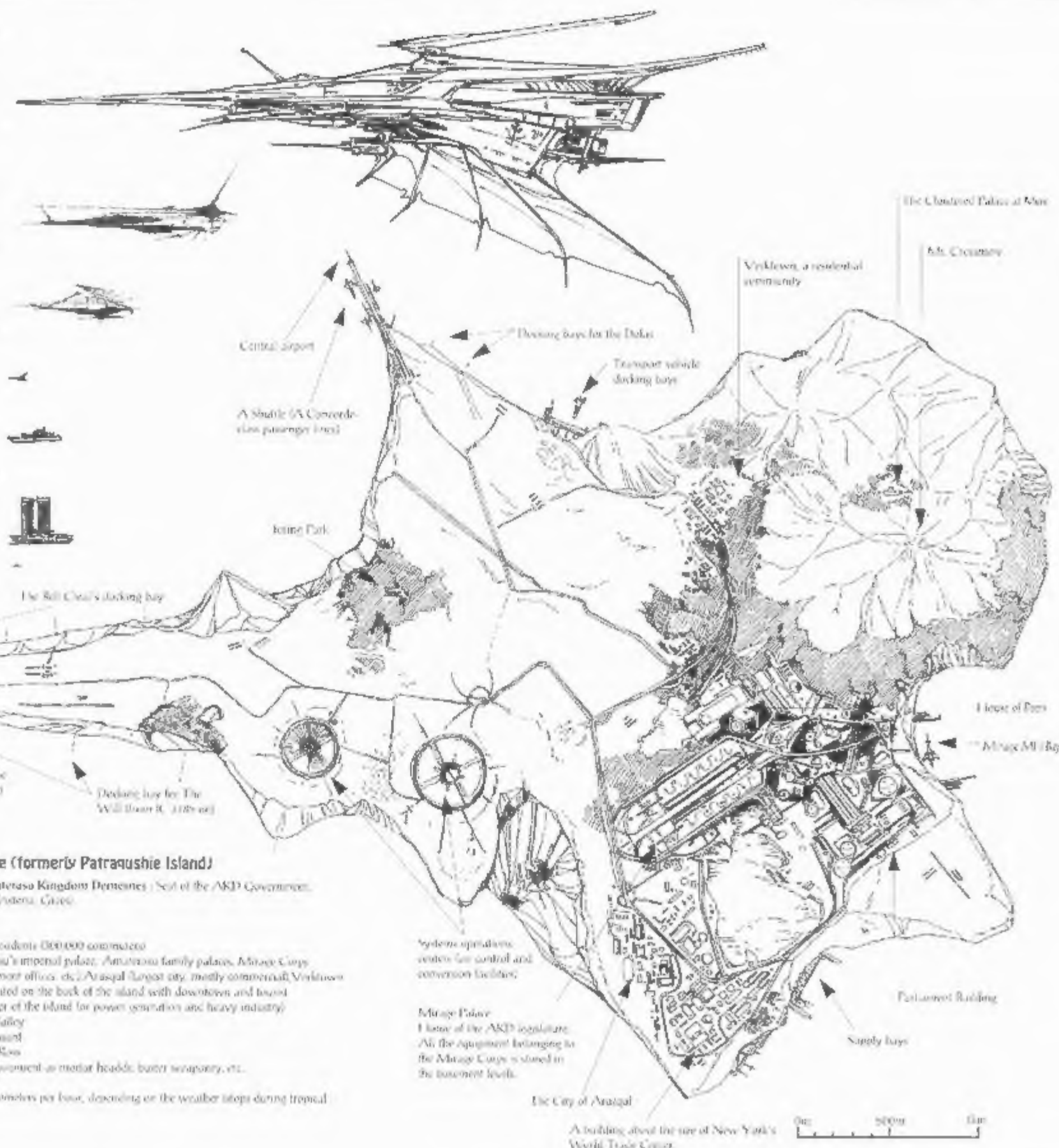
A Japanese battleship. The one that doesn't fit.

Tokyo Metropolitan City Hall

A dark column, window-like structure, not unlike the abode of a demonic creature of some kind, rather than thousands of hapless bureaucrats.

A Loran Television

An artifice.



Profile of The Floating Temple (formerly Patraquashie Island)

Consolidated Capital City of the Amaterasu Kingdom Demesne (Seat of the AKD Government).

Prince of AKD (Patraquashie District, Griesia, Gries).

Length: 6.9 kilometers

Width: 4.2 kilometers

Population: About 75,000 permanent residents (800,000 commuters)

Major Cities: Mirage Palace (Amaterasu's imperial palace, Amaterasu family palaces, Mirage Corps headquarters, AKD parliament, government offices, etc.); Anasol (largest city, mostly commercial); Vryklow (residential community); Kojima City (located on the back of the island with downtown and tourist spots); Kojima Zone (located in the center of the island for power generation and heavy industry); Commemorative House: City of the Valley

Commemorative Bird: Prehistoric Pterosaur

District Mayor (appointed): Dagorian Ross

Specialty Products: Such ultra heavy equipment as master heads, battle weaponry, etc.

Famous People: Many

Cruising Speed: Between 25 and 30 kilometers per hour, depending on the weather (stops during tropical storms). Normally 25 km/h.

Maximum Speed: Mach 9*

The Floating Temple: A Brief History

In the year I.C. 2955 the Galaxy witnessed an astonishing event. An island on the planet of Delta Belun was lifted into space and construction begun on the new Amaterasu Kingdom Demesne capital city, the Mirage Palace. The name of the land mass was changed, appropriately enough, from Patraquashie Island to the Floating Temple. Suspending this island in the atmosphere had been planned by Emperor Amaterasu for the past 500 years and was finally implemented in I.C. 2899 on the occasion of Amaterasu becoming Delta Belun's chief executive officer, making it necessary to build a consolidated

AKD capital, as well as provide headquarters for the Mirage Corps of knights, that was established 80 years previous. Concentrating military and administrative affairs on a single island and suspending it in space was sure to demonstrate to the Galaxy Delta Belun's planetary power and instill a greater sense of national pride in the citizens of Gries.

The funds to build the new capital did come partly from the AKD principalities, but the larger portion was provided by Amaterasu's personal wealth and the national budget of Gries, despite the fact that the

government of Gries would remain on the ground in Gristeria underneath the Floating Temple. Amaterasu, albeit the emperor of AKD, did not want to put the major burden on the less developed principalities under his control.

The elevation of the island was carried out during low tide to avoid destructive tidal waves. Also, a "wave fence" was constructed in the waters around the island, and the hole left by the floating land mass was immediately replaced by an equivalent amount of land fill, all in an effort to minimize damaging influences on marine life and habitat by a lowering

of the water level due to the sudden removal the huge island.

The first three years after the "great levitation" were spent coating the underside (or back) of the island, in order to prevent huge boulders from falling down upon Gristeria and also to minimize the amount of water released into the atmosphere. The island was raised so quietly and evenly that even its indigenous bird life seemed not to notice, or at least see no cause for alarm, since no mass exodus took place. However, such movement was bound to cause falling debris of all kinds, which was monitored and

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We're just getting started here, folks.

Volume III marks the end of the Addler episodes in what we refer to as the "continuing prologue" to the *Five Star Stories*. Vols. IV through VII switch this prelude to the planet of Jüno and the trials and tribulations of the Colus Dynasty, beginning a year after the Addler fiasco. However, we will return to Addler for some more episodes from J.C. 2989 somewhere around Vol. XXX, where after 13 years, we were able to clear up some of the mystery and ambiguity surrounding the events that occurred there.

Incidentally, the pages added containing explanatory and background information were not included in the original Japanese version of *FSS*, but were published later by Toys Press. The "Cast of Characters" portion at the beginning of each volume has been taken from illustrations and captions contained in the Toys Press *FSS* guidebook series. In other words, the English language version of the stories is providing you with information that took Japanese readers over 13 years to come by.

The Chronology is particularly valuable as a quick reference to the historical background linking all the stories. This source plus your own imagination will certainly make *FSS* all that more interesting, if not entertaining... possibly even addictive. "Entertaining" is definitely where you should draw the

line. After that, even though some say that you can just say "no," we've found that of those who actually went overboard, only a very small number have been able to return to cold turkey.

The addiction seems similar to building your own dream cottage or recreating the Beatles the way they should have been. You know what we mean: the exterior paint is just one more tone from "right," or you can't find a drummer with the right accent. So you search and experiment (murder and steal if necessary), spending all your time and wads of money on trying to perfect what was destined to be flawed at the onset. Please, don't let *FSS* turn you into a frustrated pauper, like it's done to so many well-meaning Japanese readers. After all, it's not *Star Wars*, or *Trek* for that matter.

Our advice is to sit back and relax, like a book of the month club member. The next issue will be on the bookstand before you know it. Greet and embrace it in all its imperfection, contradiction, inaccuracy... all its human qualities. Don't scold it (why can't you be more like ...!); rather, lament its shortcomings, while reveling in its innocence. Save your hard earned money, always discuss *FSS* in the presence of a banker, or someone of that ilk. Throwing away your promising career, your fortune, your sanity for *FSS* mania.... PLEASE BE CAREFUL!

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Here are the covers of the *FSS* paperback version published in Japan. They measure 21 X 17cm in size, a tad larger than the conventional comic publication. You should also know that English volumes I, II and III are translations of the first Japanese paperback plus the beginning of the second. Volumes IV through VII will contain the rest of the second and all of the third Japanese publications.

Warning: Those readers who cannot for reasons physical, psychological or otherwise endure reading comics from right to left should seriously consider not purchasing this book and return it to the shelf.